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# I. Sleepy Child

"All the child does is sleep." A voice said as he watched the red haired child sleep away on the couch in the Hokage's office.

"I am starting to worry, he's eight now and still only sleeps." Another voice said, as they continued watching the child.

"Should we have Tsunade look at him?" The first male said and the second older male that smoked a pipe nodded.

"Yes,I'll see if I can get in contact with her. Isn't it time for you to train the young child now?" The older male said and the younger one nodded.

"I'll be doing that, Father." The male walked over and shook the child awake, the young child eyes blinked in boredom as he looked around, before he yawned and stood up.

"We are finishing your battle strategies today, come now." The younger male pulled out a cigarette and lit it while the child followed behind his teacher.

"Learn well Naruto-Kun." The Hokage spoke lovingly, and the child nodded.

"I will Ji-San." Naruto said as he followed the male out.

Hizuren looked down at his paper and tried to head back to work, but he wondered why all Naruto did was sleep, he was a smart child. He heard his son speak such praises of the eight year old, but he would work, and then sleep, and sleep all day mind you, Hizuren doesn't think he's ever seen Naruto eat anything.

He was silent, and a little brooding. He had a blank look on his face as if everything in this world made him sick, a look of distaste if

you will, he looked like that every time he opened his eyes, unless he was looking at the Hokage or his teacher.

Naruto starts the academy soon, seeing as he was being developed by the Sarutobi family, well as much as he could which only included smarts and or Taijutsu. Naruto sat at the park as him and Asuma made up hypothetical questions to see how his battle smarts compared to everybody else in the village, and it was no surprised that he was only second to the Nara heir.

He couldn't have possible surpassed him, not when it's genetically programmed to be a genius like that. However he was a genius in his own right. Asuma wondered how'd he hold up in an actual fight. Naruto continued writing as Asuma watched the child.

"Hey Asuma." Asuma looked up from his red haired student, and gave a smile.

"Hey Shikaku, that must be Shikamaru." Naruto ignored them as he completed his work, he wanted to sleep again, he didn't know why he always slept, but his chakra was overwhelming, and if he was awake for a long time, he's feel nauseous, and he hated that feeling of being sick.

Naruto completed his work and looked to Asuma.

"Asu-Sensei, can you check my work?" Naruto said handing the book over and Asuma nodded, Naruto took that and laid his head down on the man's lap and drifted back to sleep.

"You are training the Uzumaki?" Shikaku said as he watched Shikamaru run off to watch the clouds with Choji.

"Yeah, he's quite smart. However he sleeps all the time and we are unsure of why." Asuma said and he read over the strategies, he handed Shikaku the notebook and watched as his eyes widened at the techniques.

This child was only second to his son. Shikamaru was smart, smarter than him at times, and it shows that Naruto is just as smart.

"Another Genius, that's rare." Asuma nodded, as he ran a hand

through the red hair.

Asuma and Shikaku caught up, they were friends, Asuma was almost Shikaku's student at one point, but they were close because they knew that Asuma would be Shikamaru's Sensei when the time came, along with Ino and Choji.

"I should be taking the child back to the office, it's getting late." Asuma said as he looked at the sky.

"Does he not have a place to live?" Asuma shook his head no. He watched as Shikamaru waved to Choji and headed back to his father.

"He had an apartment once, and one day when I was going to pick him up, a bunch of villagers tried to kill him." Shikamaru yawned lightly and spoke.

"Father, is it time for dinner?" Shikaku looked to his son and nodded.

"Yeah, I'm almost done here."

"So where does he stay now?" Asuma hummed.

"Usually with my father, but tonight I'll most likely take him to my home." Shikaku nodded and sighed.

"Well if you both can't watch him, i will." Shikaku said and Shikamaru looked at the child.

"We'll have to see how he reacts to you both, he hates people, but somehow found comfort in me and Father, you both have a good night." Asuma said as he walked away, Shikaku stood there watching as Shikamaru held a questioning look.

He wasn't sure how he felt about that child always sleeping, he only turned around and walked home, his father following behind trying ask him about his day.

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**What it do baby?**

**As you can see, my creative juices are flowing once again, and yet again I can't stray away from my Shika-Naru.**

**I hope you enjoy this boo k as much as my others!**

**Amiyah😊❣**

# II. Merging Chakra

Sleep was easy for the child to come by, and at nine years old he finished his Taijutsu training and battle strategies, and he started the academy, not like he was paying attention. All he did was sleep. They still couldn't track Tsunade so the Hokage had to track down Jiraiya first and then gave him the mission to find Tsunade, and things were looking grim.

Until Jiraiya sent a letter back that day, that he and Tsunade would be back sometime that day to look at the child. In the academy the children watched as the child slept, before somebody spoke.

"Is he supposed to be sleeping?" A cheery voice spoke, and another one shrugged.

"Just let him sleep, he's not bothering anybody." A brooding boy spoke, and the teacher came in with a slam of his door, he had a smile on his face as he spoke to the children.

The children quietly sat down and listened as their new academy teacher spoke to them. He looked around the room and only saw one child sleeping, but he didn't get angry. He was told that the child was going to always sleep, and that they were still figuring out why he slept so much.

He didn't eat and they wondered how he was still alive and breathing, much less sleeping. However inside the boy, chakra seemed to dance and moved around the boy, it was suffocating.

"For today lesson, we'll be talking about the history of Konoha." Children attentively took out the notebook, while the red haired child slept his life away. The class was quiet until there was a scream. Everyone turned to the child to see him in agony.

"Somebody get the Hokage!" Iruka screamed as the child screamed.

Iruka ran to the child as the children stood there, nobody moved, everybody watched the child as he screamed in agony.

"DON'T TOUCH ME! Where's Ji-San? Asu-Sensei." Naruto panted holding his stomach, he started crying.

"It hurts, it hurts." Naruto screamed as everybody watched as the child seemed perfectly normal that morning, but here he was crying, from something that looked so painful.

"Naruto, it's okay, can I take a look?" Naruto opened his eyes panting heavily, as he looked at the teachers eyes, no immediate look of distaste, and a friendly aura, you can't make that up. Naruto shook his head fast but then then spoke.

"Can you just hold me, I'm in pain, so much pain." Naruto said and Iruka nodded, grabbing the child. Naruto sighed in the embrace as Iruka spoke lowly.

"It's okay Naruto, it's okay. Iruka stood and spoke.

"Class is dismisses today, please come back tomorrow." Iruka said as Naruto still cried.

"But..." a timid voice said and Iruka spoke.

"I understand you all must be worried, but this is something you all can't fix, please allow the Hokage to help him now." The children walked out but one stayed, he walked towards the duo.

"Naruto are you alright?" The boy sat down and Iruka smiled as he looked at the duo. Naruto turned to the boy, he made no immediate moves to touch him, and he didn't smile at him, but his face portrayed worry, and his aura was unreadable, but it wasn't malicious.

"I'm not, can you hurry and find Ji-San please?" Naruto spoke to the child and he stood but the minute he did, the Hokage was here with two people, he ran over to Naruto and picked him up.

"What happened?" Iruka stood and bowed.

"He started screaming and fell to the ground in pain, he wouldn't let me look at him, but he allowed me to touch him." Hizuren nodded, and he felt the boys chakra, the woman quickly ran over and went to touch him.

"DON'T **TOUCH** ME!" Naruto screamed, but it wasn't in his soft voice, it was mixed with a demonic voice, and Naruto panted as he looked at the woman.

"I don't trust your aura, do not come near me." Naruto said clutching the old man.

"How am I supposed to examine him if he won't let me touch him?" The woman said and Hizuren looked to Naruto.

"What's wrong Naruto." Hizuren said as the male with white hair stood silently.

"It's hard to breathe, my chakra is bubbling, suffocating, it had been for as long as I could remember, it's why I slept a lot. It always felt like I had a lot of chakra in me, too much for my body so I couldn't stay awake for long period of time or my chakra would make it hard to breathe." Naruto said panting.

"I had it under control, but then my chakra seemed to explode with a raging heat all over my body, it hurts, I'm in pain, but it's not suffocating, I'm just extremely hot." Naruto said as he watched as the woman looked shocked

"In my opinion, something is happening, something awakened, or something snapped, but I'm sure I can handle it too, can you just take me somewhere Ji-San?" Naruto said and Hizuren sighed.

"I really need Tsunade to check you out." Hizuren pleases with Naruto and the child groaned and turned to the woman.

"My chakra is special designed to reject any dangerous poisons and cover me if those healing hands are biased. I don't trust your aura at all." Naruto said and looked to the Hokage.

"Hurry and lay me down somewhere, I'm roasting from the inside out." Naruto said and Hizuren turned to walk out, but not before

speaking.

"Great job, Iruka, Shikamaru." The three of them left and Shikamaru stood there while Iruka placed a reassuring hand on Shikamaru's shoulder.

"You were really worried about your friend, your father will be looking for you soon, you should head home." Shikamaru stood there because before today, he wanted absolutely nothing to do with Naruto.

That child had always seemed to know what everybody was thinking, even if he slept most of the day away, he was still clearly smarter than everybody here, and besides. He was a little intimidating even if he was only nine years old.

"Come Shikamaru, do you want to visit him?" Shikamaru looked up to see his father, Shikamaru wanted to say no, but he nodded his head and followed his father out of the academy.

Naruto laid on a bed in the Hokage's private office, he was panting lowly, as Tsunade seemed to go over his results with Hizuren and the white man who's aura only gave off that he was a pervert.

"The child's analysis was completely right, he would be an amazing medic, if he comprehended this at nine." The ladies aura changed, now it was as if she was proud of him. The door opened, but only Naruto heard it and so when he looked towards the door he saw boy who's Aura he couldn't read earlier, he pulled up a chair and sat down. While his father went to talk to Hizuren.

"Are you feeling any better." Naruto looked at the boy.

*What's is this feeling?*

**Fondness.**

"No, not exactly. I will however be fine. A few days in here and I should be good as new." Naruto said lowly. Shikamaru held out his hand.

"May I?" Naruto nodded, and Shikamaru placed a hand on his

forehead, running his other hand through the red hair.

"You've been watching Asu-Sensei." Naruto said softly, and Shikamaru nodded.

"I'm a genius too, I study people too, this helps you fall asleep." Naruto sighed, as he felt his eyes get heavy. Shikamaru pulled his hands away as he watched Naruto sleep calmly, as if he didn't have a thing to worry about when he woke.

# III. Friends with Kyu

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Naruto awoke but not surrounded by the boy, not surrounded by Aura he stood in water, it was damp and creaky. He looked around and saw a low yellow hue illuminating the places as red like bars lined the walls, water droplets fell from the ceiling.

"It's a mess in here." Naruto said to himself and every step he took, Grass materialized and sometimes flowers. He always felt a lot calmer when the wind was blowing, or the sun was shining on him. It makes sense that his chakra would explode the minute he surrounded himself with people with different Aura and emotions.

Naruto continued to walk and decorate this cave, it wasn't a cave however, Naruto was firmly planted in his mind when he came upon a red door, the door had a K on it and he wondered why there was a house in the middle of damp creakiness. He opened the door and took of his murky shoes at the door, behind the door revealed a huge cage however.

The cage had the world seal on it,  and Naruto wondered how behind that door lies this cage like thing, however he sensed something and jumped,missing as a claw slammed down on the water. Naruto looked as he saw a fox.

Now things seemed to get really interesting, back when Naruto almost died one birthday, they constantly called him a demon fox, he assumed it was because his whisker marks, and how he loved the color red. Now he knew why the villagers didn't like him.

He held the actual demon fox, he held the fox. He watched as the fox stared at him, almost as if he was trying to intimidate him. However he stood his ground, and folded his arms.

"Why is my chakra exploding?" Naruto asked and the fox tilted his head. No tears of crying, no shaking, the nine year old child stood

directly in front of him with no fear demanding a answer to his question.

"Hmp." The fox said as he laid down ignoring the child, the child grew a tick mark and huffed in annoyance.

"You are an arrogant Fox! Just tell me what the hell is going on, you are sealed in me aren't you? Don't you know what the fuck is going on."

"Do not be cursing in here child, this maybe your domain, but you are a mere child!" The fox roared back.

"You got time to scold me, but not time to tell me what the hell is going on."

"Watch your mouth brat!"

"You watch you mouth fox!"

Naruto and the fox continued arguing, until the fox said something that made Naruto upset that his chakra finally calmed, Naruto slammed his hand on the floor, and watched as a gate fell on the head of the fox, a sudden puff of air, went through them as Naruto stood there panting, the cage disappeared, and the gate formed into a collar.

The fox smiled.

"You are finally one with your chakra." Naruto panted as he looked over his body. The geometric pattern covered his entire body, it stopped at his neck.

Naruto looked as the fox continued to lay down, he opened one eye, and looked as the child looked over his body, his eyes were still blue, his hair was still red, but he had a diamond that rested on his chest, right under his neck. Naruto felt his chakra calm, no more heating and no more suffocating, and then he heard Kurama speak.

"Children usually get their chakra from their parents, chakra is combined, and taken from either one or both parents when you are growing. However..." Naruto looked up at the fox as he spoke, but

he continued laying down.

"You pulled your mothers and fathers vast amounts of chakra at conception, and then when I was sealed into you, my entire reserves floated around you too. Causing suffocation, the breathing and the reason your chakra exploded was because they finally begun to merge, combine." Naruto looked as the fox yawned.

"You'll be a great Shinobi Naruto, you can call me if you need anything." Naruto saw the aura, even when they were arguing, there was no malicious intent direct towards him, the fox didn't mind him.

"Thanks, do you have a name or shall I continue calling you fox?" The Fox spoke a lowly.

"Kurama." Naruto turned to the door and spoke.

"Bye Kyu." Naruto soon opened his eyes shortly after and sat up, he looked at the bed and saw Asu-Sensei laying on his bed, along with the older Nara sleeping against the chair.

His aura was lazy but not intimidating, refreshing in a sense, considering that all Naruto wanted to do was sleep. Naruto placed his hand on Asuma's shoulder, the man jumped up and looked at a Naruto, a smile on his face as he lit a cigarette.

"How long was I out Sensei?" Naruto asked and Asuma sighed.

"A week, how are you feeling." Naruto sighed.

"A lot better, my chakra is calm. I feel like I won't suffocate, and I'm actually pretty hungry." Asuma chuckled.

"You haven't had anything to eat for years, what are you in the mood for." The door opened and somebody yawned.

"Hello Asuma-San, Naruto." The voice sat next to his father and closed his eyes, and then opened them wide and stood up, waking the older Nara.

"NARUTO, how are you feeling? Are you okay? Can I get anybody

for you? Can I grab you something to eat?" Naruto and Asuma shared a look and the older Nara groaned in the back. Asuma chuckled lightly and Naruto spoke.

"I'm hungry, but I've haven't eaten in years so I don't know what's good." Shikamaru nodded.

"Me and father will pick you something up." Naruto saw the Aura, friendliness, fondness, when Shikamaru looked at Naruto.

"I don't want to intrude." Shikaku sighed and stood up. Laziness, but he wasn't upset in the slightest.

"We'll be right back, you rest easy. Maybe do some academy homework since you been out for a week." Shikaku handed him some papers.

"Thanks Nara-San." Shikamaru waved and followed his father and when the door closed Asuma looked over the homework as Naruto filled it out effortlessly.

"Since when did you have a friend?" Asuma asked as Naruto finished the work, he looked to Asuma and shrugged.

"They appeared one day, I'm not sure what I did but I suppose it's fine." Naruto stomach growled, and Asuma chuckled pulling a granola bar out of his jacket, Naruto took it and continued to stare at it but eventually ate it.

"You should try and be friends, you don't smile, maybe you should try." Naruto shrugged when the door opened again.

"That's a lot of food." Asuma said sitting up and Shikaku spoke words of troublesome, while Shikamaru huffed in annoyance as pink dusted his cheeks.

"Naruto didn't eat in years so I kind of made father buy a lot." Naruto gave a chuckle, and everybody's eyes widened at that, Naruto held a small smile, that seemed to come to him so naturally.

"Thank you Shikamaru, Shikaku-San, you both should eat, I couldn't possible eat all this food." Shikamaru sat on the bed and opened a

container, and Shikaku sat next to Asuma as he watched Shikamaru blubber like an idiot, trying to find something to talk to Naruto about.

# IV. Shogi

"What drew you to him anyways?" Ino asked her friend, she constantly watched as Shikamaru watched the red headed boy, who, since his chakra mellowed out was a lot more friendly, well to certain people, him and the Uchiha along with Sakura seemed not to get along. He seemed to be really close with Shino.

Shikamaru watched as Naruto and Shino sat on the grass, the animals and insects seemed to gather around them. They both didn't look really interested in it, but Shikamaru could tell Naruto was having fun.

"We are friends, we usually hang out after school, since Kiba and Shino hang out after school. The bell rung and Shino and Naruto stood up to walk back into the classroom, Naruto walked in and saw Shikamaru. He walked over and started speaking.

"Can you teach me how to play Shogi?" Naruto asked and Shikamaru tilted his head.

"Asuma-San never taught you?" Naruto shook his head and opened a book.

"I want to master this, by my arm movements don't flow like it should, Ji-San said I should try Shogi, and said you and Nara-San are exceptional at it. That and we are friends aren't we?" Shikamaru nodded his head, and the now ten year olds nodded.

"I'll come over after school, i have to stop by the tower to get my notes." Shikamaru nodded, and Naruto gave a wave.

"Choji-Kun, Ino-Kun." Naruto walked away to sit by his seat next to the brooding emo and the pink haired fan girl. He totally hated his assigned seat. Sasuke was annoying and Sakura made him go deaf one time in one ear.

After he molded all of his chakra, his sense of smell and hearing doubled, much like a Inuzuka his ears were really sensitive which is why he hated this seat so much, he could literally hear a pin drop if the class was silent which was never with Sakura insufferable yelling. She could however be a great ninja if she tried.

They continued on with class, and then it was over. Naruto walked out but Shikamaru wanted to walk with him, so he quickly said goodbye to Choji and Ino, and went to walk with Naruto. Naruto hummed as he walked next to Shikamaru.

"I said I'd meet you at your home." Naruto said as Shikamaru yawned.

"Yes but I'd be troublesome if I let you walk alone." Naruto sighed as he continued to walk next to Shikamaru. He grabbed his notes, in the office was the white haired male whose name he never bother to learned because he was just a pervert.

"Hello, Ji-San can I have my notes." Naruto said and Hizuren hummed.

"You are adamant about sealing huh?" Hizuren said handing the notes to Naruto, Naruto nodded and he sighed.

"That and medical Ninjustu. Plus this power coursing through my veins." Naruto said and Hizuren nodded.

"Train well Naruto. Are staying the night with the Nara's?" Naruto tilted his head.

"Why would I? Is Asu-Sensei on a mission?" Naruto asked and Hizuren nodded.

"And I'll be leaving for a Kage meeting, soon. Shikaku has offered to watch you where times like this when neither me or Asuma can." Naruto nodded.

"Do you mind Shikamaru? If not I can sleep in the forest, the animals will keep me safe." Naruto said and Shikamaru sighed.

"Troublesome redhead, you can stay. Now come on, you have

training to do." Naruto waves to Hizuren and spoke before leaving.

"Pervert, you should stop hiding your aura, I'd kill you if you hide it from me next time we meet." Naruto continued walking out and Shikamaru followed, he knew he hated when people hid their aura's it means they were hiding something, and Naruto hated that.

"So mean, Naruto." Naruto chuckled a little as opened a bag of chips, handing Shikamaru his notes to carry.

"I just don't like people's who aura I can't read, I usually give them three chances, but since the pervert doesn't seem to have brain cells I told him myself, but enough about me." Naruto started as he looked to Shikamaru.

"When are you going to take your training more seriously." Shikamaru yawned.

"When did you turn into my mother." Naruto shrugged.

"I just want you to be left behind, you see how Sakura and Sasuke are barely improving, I don't want you to fall behind." Shikamaru chuckled.

"Worried?" Naruto stopped and tilted his head, he was still new to all the feelings he's been feeling lately.

"That might be the emotion I'm feeling." Naruto said and Naruto arrived at Shikamaru's home, Naruto went to toss his bag of chips away as Shikamaru went up to set up the Shogi board. Naruto came and sat down as he watched Shikamaru explain the rules.

Naruto nodded as they had a few trial runs, and then they started playing an actual game. Shikaku hummed lowly as he walked home, Hizuren had asked him to adopt Naruto, but he couldn't, he knew his son was young, and he may be reading this wrong, but if Shikaku was right, which 95% of the time, then he was right about this.

Shikamaru was developing a crush.

Whether it would last or fiddle away, he knew exactly what his son

was feeling, and the reason why he couldn't adopt Naruto. His son would never forgive him. He opened the door to his home and where he thought was going to be peace and quiet was really loud arguing, he's never so much heard neither Shikamaru or Naruto yell and be so angry.

"YOU RED HEAD."

"YOU AREN'T PLAYING FAIR!"

"I AM, I EXPLAINED THE RULES!"

"THE WHY THE HELL DID YOU MOVE YOUR PIECE LIKE THIS, TO THE RIGHT BUT I DID IT TO THE LEFT IT WAS WRONG?"

"BECAUSE THATS HOW THAT PIECE WORKS!"

"LIAR! MY BEST FRIEND IS A LIAR!"

"I WOULD NEVER LIE TO YOU, CANT'T YOU SEE MY AURA!"

"TCH EXPLAIN THE RULES AGAIN THEN!"

"Stop yelling in my house, I'll explain the rules." Shikaku walked over to the children, him sitting in the middle while both children watched and nodded. Shikaku gave Naruto real life situations comparing them to his emotions and Kurama's friendship.

"Better?" Shikaku asked and Naruto nodded as he looked to Shikamaru.

"Sorry for yelling, shall we play a real game?" Naruto said and Shikamaru nodded.

"Me too, I should've been clearer." Shikamaru said as they played an actual game. Shikaku hummed and leaned back as the children seemed to tie in every game after he explained it to Naruto. Naruto sighed lowly.

"Check Shikamaru." Shikaku sat up and looked at the board and Shikamaru chuckled.

"You're right, wanna go again?" Shikaku hummed looking at the board.

"Face me." Naruto nodded and turned the board to Shikaku and moved the pieces back, Shikamaru watched the match with careful eyes before Naruto spoke again.

"Check, Nara-San." Shikaku hummed and smiled.

"You've been training with the fox?" Naruto stood and nodded.

"I'll shower. Thanks for having me." Naruto said as he walked upstairs and Shikamaru sighed.

"I need to catch up." Shikamaru said lying flat on his back.

"He's a chakra monster, let's not forget that. You have a lot of chakra, but Naruto would run circles around you in an actual match." Shikamaru sighed lowly and Shikaku hummed.

"Train your reserves, I'll help you." Shikamaru sat up and nodded, watching as Naruto came down in pajamas that was way too long for him.

"I'll cook dinner." Naruto said walking into the kitchen and Shikamaru laid back down.

"What a drag."

# V. Worthless Bitches

"Are you excited, you graduate today." Naruto looked up as Asuma walked him to the academy, Naruto was fourteen, and grew his long hair to his back, it was in a ponytail that laid flat against his back. He wore a black robe over his red tank and black jeans, something flowy and to hid his sealing material whenever he went on a mission.

"I'm so ready to not be around Sakura or Sasuke, their Aura's really upset me, and I'm surprised I didn't kill them by now." Naruto shrugged and Asuma sighed.

"Please don't kill any children, you've developed well in four years." Naruto sighed and looked to Asuma, he had only smiled once for this man, but this man raised him, coddled him when he would cry, allow him to sleep on him, or on his bed when he was a child.

This in a way was a father too him, and he knew Asuma saw him as his son, he gave a smile one that shocked Asuma, and what he said next made Asuma want to cry.

"Thanks you so much for raising me, Tousan." Naruto said and the wind blew, Asuma brought Naruto into a tight hug, and sighed against him.

"I didn't think you saw me like that." Naruto sighed and hugged him back.

"You raised me, you trained me, you made me the best person I could ever be with how my childhood was. I've always thought of you like that." Naruto said and Asuma pulled his hand away, ruffling Naruto's hair.

"I'll be watching from the tower. Do your best Naruto." Naruto stood there and watched as Asuma walked to the tower, Naruto turned

back around and saw Shino waiting for him.

"Ah Shino, Sorry have you waited long?" Naruto said and Shino shook his head. Naruto nodded as they walked together in total silence.

A lot of people wondered how they grew close, how they became friends, however Shino's aura is only second to one person in the village, and he understood who Naruto was, even when his chakra wasn't always this mellow, he never spoke to the boy, but allowed his aura to.

Shino calmed Naruto down, and if it wasn't Shino it was Shikamaru. Those two are the only ones who's aura were so soothing to be around, but Shikamaru also made him feel something more than soothing, Shikamaru gave more off in his Aura. He wasn't sure what it is, but he didn't question it.

Iruka walked in and the test was getting started, but in the tower, a voice sent the room into chaos when he uttered one sentence.

"I won't be the Sensei to the Uzumaki." People looked for that voice, and the screaming started. Hizuren sat there as the voice only folded their arms, as if there was nothing that anybody could say to make them change their minds.

"I'll kill you dead if you say anything about my child." Asuma said leaning against the wall, the woman jumped, she started shaking.

"You all are jounin, I'm a little upset my Jounin are so biased, especially a Jounin who's only a Jounin because of her Genjutsu prowess." Hizuren said, and Asuma spoke lowly.

"That child, My child has already been through a lot, and quite honestly, he could take anybody in this room. I would appreciate if we all would only speak kind things about my child." Naruto perked up in the middle of his test.

"I swear I won't be as docile as I'm being right now." There was a swirl of wind in the room, and blue eyes darting around before he pulled a Kunai, and slammed a woman against the wall. Everybody

looked to see Naruto's seat empty and then when the wind cleared Naruto held a Kunai to the same Jounin neck who made his father mad.

"You've made father angry, and father only gets angry about me." Naruto said lowly as his chakra swirled around the room, creating another wind storm.

"I'd like to finish the exams, so if you are regretful, apologize, or I'll slice your throat and leave it so the scar is jagged." Naruto spoke and the woman took a gulp and spoke.

"I'm sorry Asuma-San, can you forgive me?" Naruto backed away as Asuma chuckled lightly.

"Sure, Naruto go take your test." Naruto sealed his Kunai away before leaving, and ending up exactly where he was sitting as Iruka came back in the room. Shikaku walked in and sighed, going to stand by the Hokage.

"You all better not underestimate that child, you'll be dead if you do." Shikaku said as everybody didn't know who that child was, he was amazing at moving, fast and murderous.

Naruto and Shino sat there, they finished their ninjutsu test and was waiting for Iruka, Naruto told him why he left in the middle of the test, him and Shino had an actual conversation.

"You and Kiba?" Naruto asked and Shino sighed.

"It would be me and Kiba, but's the pup is still stupid, I'll give it another year or two." Naruto chuckled lowly.

"Ah Shino no mercy, even if you do like him." Naruto spoke lowly and Shino shrugged.

"You don't go easy on Shikamaru, why should I on Kiba?" Naruto tapped his chin.

"That's because I know Shikamaru isn't stupid, at this point he knows how to reply back." Iruka came back in with a list, he sighed as he sat back down, he wasn't sure about this years Genin but this

is what the Hokage wanted.

"Here are the teams, please be silent until I read it all." The children nodded and Naruto just knew he was going to hate his team.

"Team seven, Kakashi Hatake. Genin Sasuke Uchiha, Naruto Uzumaki and Sakura Haruno.

Team eight, Kurenai Yuhi. Genin Hinata Hyuga, Shino Aburame and Kiba Inuzuka.

Team ten, Asuma Sarutobi, Shikamaru Nara, Ino Yamanaka, Choji Akimichi." There was a scream.

"I cannot be on a team with NARUTO!" Naruto sighed as he folded his arms.

"Yeah, I hate him." Sasuke said and Iruka slammed his hand on the desk.

"That is your teammate, you should get to know him before judging him." Naruto rolled his eyes.

"Don't even stress it Iruka, I'll be fine. I'll carry the weight of the team." Naruto said and Sasuke and Sakura spoke.

"There's no way, we could totally..." Sakura gasped as Naruto appeared in front of her, his eyes bore red, as she shakes looking into those eyes. Naruto closed his eyes ending up sitting on the desk in front of Shikamaru, Shikamaru yanked him back and he fell in Shikamaru's lap with a thud.

"Calm down troublesome redhead." Naruto huffed in annoyance and folded his arms.

"I'll kill you both dead, better be lucky Shikamaru is holding me back." Naruto spoke lowly, his voice carried through the air like a current that sent shivers down the back of Sasuke and Sakura.

"Naruto apologize please." Shikamaru said and Naruto huffed.

"I'm sorry y'all are a bunch of worthless bitches." Naruto said and

Shikamaru sighed he knew this was as best as he was going to get.

The Sensei came, and the only left team seven. Naruto sat in the back looking as Sakura shook in her boots and Sasuke tried to seem not intimidated, but how could he not when scorching fire covered the room and made it hard to breathe.

"Team seven, to the roof now!" Naruto rolled his eyes and followed that man to the roof.

# VI. Teams

"Introduce yourself, we should build team morale." Kakashi spoke, but the children just looked at Naruto, watching his sit on the ledge. His balance was perfect, and they wondered why he didn't fall yet.

"My name is Sakura Haruno, I like Sasuke, and I dislike pretty much everybody but Sasuke, and I can't wait to marry Sasuke." Naruto snorted, before leaning back.

"You have a one track mind, Sasuke couldn't protect you. Hell he can't even protect himself." Naruto said and Kakashi folded his arms.

"Naruto, you shouldn't speak to your teammates as such." Naruto looked to the man, his aura. He didn't hate him, but he very much disliked the idea of a Jinchuriki being on his team.

"They made it clear they didn't want to work with me, and no matter how much you try to hide it, you are biased too." Naruto said and Kakashi froze for a little. Naruto jumped and walked to the man that was clearly taller than him.

"You think what you are doing is heroic? You are pathetic! If you can't treat me the way you treat Sakura and Sasuke, then I want off this team." Naruto said and Kakashi just looked at the teen.

"You shouldn't be able to read aura's, that something only advanced Shinobi can do, and you aren't no where near my level." Naruto sent a pulse of chakra to his diamond which activated those lines around him, he cocked his hand back and punched Kakashi in the gut, Kakashi flew straight through the Hokage's window. Naruto scoffed lowly,

"Pathetic, I'm leaving." Naruto robe flowed behind him as the wind blew and he walked down and headed to the Hokage, he was sure

that punched knocked him out, and him and Tsunade are the best medic in the lands and Tsunade left on a mission.

People watched the child walked through the village, and blue chakra seemed to swirl around his feet, he was angry. His chakra was a reaction to his emotions, he wasn't around Shino or Shikamaru and knew this could be a possibility. He tried to calm down because he was in nature but it wasn't working.

He really felt like beating the guy.

Naruto emotions were unstable, his chakra was controlled, but only on how well he kept his emotions in check, and his ability to read aura is why he was mad. He hated people that would lie to him when he could see the true character of their soul.

He walked up the stairs to the Hokage's office to see all the other Sensei's here, and a knocked out Kakashi, the Hokage looked as he saw blue chakra swirling at his feet and thanked Kami it wasn't red chakra bubbling at his feet.

"I'm sorry, I tried to calm my emotions, but Kakashi's Aura pissed me off." Naruto said. Everybody in the room was scared of him, his chakra knew no bounds, and despite how soft and low that voice it, it was dangerous, it was better not to hear that voice speak.

"I told you we should've placed him on a team with either Shikamaru or Shino. If he can read aura he can tell who doesn't like him." Asuma said as he walked to bring Naruto into a hug. Naruto's chakra disappears, and he visible calmed down.

"I can't, each team was designed by their clan and or Ninjustu." Naruto sighed, as he bowed.

"I'll figure a way then Ji-San. Naruto walked over to Kakashi and poured healing chakra to his index finger and placed it against his forehead.

"I broke a few of his ribs, and punctured his lung. He should be healed, I'll stop by tomorrow." Naruto spoke before he walked out the room, closing the door. When he stepped out he was met with

Shikamaru and his teammates.

"SCOLD HIM SHIKAMARU!" Sakura yelled, Sasuke folded his arms as he looked at the exchanges. Shikamaru stood there folding his arms. He looked at Naruto, and Naruto stood there looking blankly at Shikamaru.

"Why am I exactly scolding Naruto?" Shikamaru asked and Sasuke held up his hand to Sakura not wanting her to make a bigger scene and spoke.

"He disrespected us, but also sent our Sensei through that shattered window of the Hokage building."

"Injuring him for sure!" Sakura spoke when Sasuke didn't finish and Shikamaru looked to Naruto who only stood there with chakra bellowing at his feet. It was blue so nobody was going to die, but he was surely angry.

"Naruto, come." Naruto walked over to Shikamaru and was met with a flick to his forehead, Naruto placed his hand on the red mark and watched as Shikamaru sighed.

"You can't keep getting upset Naruto." Naruto rolled his eyes in annoyance.

"I'm only mad, because people are stupid, and test me like I'm an idiot." Naruto said and Shikamaru sighed.

"You shouldn't be mad, we talked about you controlling that anger, especially since me and Shino won't always be with you." Naruto sighed.

"I know, but he seriously doubted my powers, and he's a Jounin. An elite Jounin at that and he's that fucking stupid?" Naruto spoke softly, all hardness left his voice when speaking to Shikamaru as Sasuke and Sakura observed them.

"A lot of people aren't going to be like Asuma-Sensei." Naruto sighed

"I know, but I would like a certain level of intellect." Naruto explained and Shikamaru said something that made Naruto frown,

and Sakura and Sasuke's cheeks dusted pink as they saw that cute expression.

"Say Sorry and I'll treat you to sushi." Naruto turned to his teammates and went to speak.

"An actual apology, or no sushi." Naruto sighed and bowed.

"I'm sorry I was so rude." Naruto stood back up and turned to walk to the sushi places, as Shikamaru looked to Sasuke and Sakura.

"I know Naruto is hard to understand, but try to be nice, don't touch him, and no sudden movements. Also don't lie to him, I won't be able to save you if you do."

"Shikamaru, hurry." Naruto called and Shikamaru waved to the duo as they watched them walk away.

"The Uzumaki whisperer." Sakura said and Sasuke nodded.

Shikamaru walked behind Naruto, Naruto was calm, and the villagers could see that he was calm and not mad as he was earlier and concluded that it was because the Nara talked to him. They got to the sushi place and sat in a booth.

Naruto already knew what he wanted to get but as Shikamaru was looking, he was speaking about his anger, Naruto only groaned lowly.

"It's hard not being around an Aura I can trust, the Kurama goes and let's my chakra loose whenever he doesn't like the aura either, I don't know how to calm it down!" Naruto said slamming his hand on the table, rattling the water and silverware. Shikamaru placed the menu down knowing that he would ultimately eat whatever Naruto ordered.

"Behave Naruto." Naruto only scoffed, and Shikamaru sighed.

"Naruto come." Naruto sighed and moved to the side with Shikamaru, Shikamaru placed his hand on his cheek, looking solely into those blue eyes, before he said something that made Naruto sit there shocked, Shikamaru leaned in and left a kiss on Naruto's

forehead, Naruto's eyes widened.

"I believe in you, Naruto." Naruto sighed and nodded suddenly not hungry, and he just leaned into Shikamaru as Shikamaru ate their food.

# VII. Joint Mission

Naruto walked behind his teammates as they talked and walked to the tower, their auras changed a little. They didn't hate the child, but it was as if they were afraid to talk to him, which is fine. Naruto hasn't been upset since that one day so he think he's making amazing progress in controlling his anger, but he just can't help his face.

"We aren't friends, but I was wondering." Sasuke started as he walked slower to walk next to Naruto, Naruto folded his arms and Sasuke exhaled.

"Me and Sakura are dating, if it wasn't obvious. I was wondering since Shikamaru is one of the few people to calm you down, if you both were dating?" Naruto chuckled, his face didn't change but it sounded light and free.

"Me and Shikamaru aren't dating, his Aura just makes me feel at peace." Naruto said, and Sasuke tapped chin.

"That's seems true, but you speak softer with him than with Shino, and you also seemed obsessed with touching him." Naruto sighed and looked to Sasuke.

"You've been trying to know me." Naruto said avoiding the subject, he didn't know what he felt for Shikamaru, but he knew that when he did finally figure out he would tell Shikamaru first.

"I realized that you just had trust issues, I'm not saying we'll be friends, but I'm saying I'll give it a shot." Sasuke said and Naruto hummed while nodding, his aura showed no lie, no ulterior motives, Sasuke was earnest, and honest about it.

They continued talking lowly, as they found their way walking up the tower, Sasuke told him about his and Sakura's relationship, how

it was arranged and that he would spend the rest of his life with her, but she was bearable, he just hoped that their children didn't inherit that pink hair you know.

They opened the door to the Hokage room, and Hizuren lifted his head, to see Naruto talking to Sasuke, and it looked as if he didn't want to kill the poor boy, he didn't smile and his facial expressions still blank, but he could tell that the two Genin were bonding.

Or so he thought.

"dobe, tomatoes are the best food!" Naruto squinted his eyes.

"Are you mental? It's clearly Sushi." Naruto said and the duo started arguing. Hizuren only sighed in annoyance, but couldn't help a smile falling on his lips. Naruto argues with those he seemed important to argue with, usually he wouldn't talk, and let his powers do all that he wanted to say.

Hizuren watched with a fond smile as the duo continued to argue, just as team ten walked in. Asuma gave a low chuckled and Shikamaru spoke lowly, sighing as he walked towards the duo.

"Naruto." Naruto stopped his yelling, when he heard Shikamaru's voice, only now it sounded different, his voice was usually smooth, and baritone, not too deep, but Naruto felt intimidated by his voice.

However his voice sounded different, it made Naruto want to shiver, and blush as that voice made its way to its ear. Kurama rumbled inside him as Naruto watched Shikamaru walk to him.

**"You are fifteen correct?"**

*"I am, my birthday was a month ago remember."*

**"Ah, I see what's happening."** Shikamaru's arm snake around him, and Shikamaru seemed to talk to Sasuke.

*"That is?"* Naruto asked when the touch, made Naruto so unbelievably warm, Naruto did what his instincts said and leaned into Shikamaru, feeling as his grip tightened. That made him want to swoon, but he kept the blank face, hoping Asuma and Hizuren

couldn't read his face.

"**My instincts are becoming your instincts, a fifteen year old child is the perfect age to mark a mate, and when you do, your heats will start.**" Naruto froze. Mate, his chakra is saying Shikamaru is his mate.

"**My chakra combines with your mothers, she's the reason you can read Aura's so well, you knew Shikamaru is your mate before you were fifteen because of his aura, you now know for certain that is true because of your reaction when you heard his voice.**" Naruto bit his lip, as he saw Shikamaru give a sly smirk, as him and Sasuke discussed something while the Jounin discusses another. Ino and Sakura were talking to Choji about new Shinobi attire.

*"Shikamaru is my mate, sigh, why is this difficult."* Naruto said and Kurama chuckled inside him, as he finally decided to tune in to the conversation.

"Ah troublesome, I'm glad you and Naruto seem to be getting along." Shikamaru said and Sasuke nodded.

"He's isn't bad, but...." Naruto squinted his eyes as Sasuke said his next sentence.

"He doesn't think Tomatoes is Kami's greatest invention." Naruto huffed and Shikamaru sighed, Sasuke walked to Sakura seeing as she called him over leaving the two, who very much looked like a couple over by the wall.

"A JOINT MISSION." The children looked up to see Kakashi who uncharacteristically screamed that. He had never so much as yelled once, his voice was always monotone, but as Naruto looked at his Aura his feeling were clear.

"He's nervous, and not for us." Naruto said in a whisper and Shikamaru tilted his head.

"Do you not trust you Genin Kakashi?" Hizuren hummed, and Kakashi sighed.

"I trust Naruto with my life, Sasuke is progressing and I think that with a little more training Sakura can finally prove that she can stand next to her teammates, but..." Kakashi trailed off, and Naruto spoke.

"Kakashi might feel like Sakura isn't ready, and she's a wild card. She doesn't really listen unless it's Sasuke, and Sasuke isn't a strong enough leader to lead yet. He's worried for Sakura's safety." Naruto said and Shikamaru spoke lowly.

" I thought you said he wasn't nervous about you three." Shikamaru said as the Hokage turned to the Jounin to whisper lowly again.

"He isn't." Naruto watched as Kakashi's aura turned to relief.

"Then what?" Naruto watched as Asuma held an air of superiority, as he watched Kakashi try to come up with some reason as to why they shouldn't take this mission.

"Kakashi is nervous around Asuma, I don't know if it's because he likes Asuma, or the other way around, but something is up between them." Shikamaru looked surprised.

"You can get all that from an aura reading?" Naruto nodded, leaning into Shikamaru. Shikamaru watched as Kakashi's shoulders slumped and knew that they were ultimately taking a mission together.

"You two teams will be taking a joint mission to the wave country, it's a C-rank mission, and I have the upmost faith in these two team." Hizuren said as he looked to Naruto, Naruto tilted his head but the Hokage spoke again.

"The bridge builder is named Tazuna, he's building a bridge to allow the wave country to start trading with nearby countries, but he keeps being attacked by petty thugs, your mission is to ensure that he can complete the bridge without any problems." The ninja's nodded and Hizuren turned to Iruka.

"Allow the bridge builder in." Naruto immediate tensed when the smell of sakes wafted through the room, Naruto walked over to Asuma, and hid behind him. Asuma sighed and patted his head

while Shikamaru looked confused.

"Tazuna I had advised you to not drink so much because of one of the ninja's protecting you." The Hokage said and Naruto cringed when he felt that aura, and voice speak. The aura was angry, over confident, as if he was the best male to walk this earth.

"What ninja cant handle a little liquor?" Asuma clicked his teeth.

"The one who was almost beaten to death by drunks you inconsiderate piece of..."

"Tousan." Naruto said quickly interrupting Asuma, Asuma looked down to see Naruto shaking his head, basically telling him not to engage. Shikamaru felt his chakra flair in anger as he watched Naruto shake a little.

"Let's just leave, I'll be captian!" Asuma said dragging Naruto out of the office and the others watched as Asuma suddenly got so protective of Naruto.

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# VIII. Mission to the Wave Country

"You need to calm down." Naruto said to Asuma, as Asuma continued to smoke cigarette after cigarette after they left the village. They were in formation with Kakashi and Choji in front Sakura and Sasuke behind them, then the bridge builder behind them, then Asuma and Naruto, then finally Shikamaru and Ino.

Asuma clicked his teeth.

"He frightened you, if only for a little." Asuma said and Naruto tilted his head.

"While that's true, you and Shikamaru's aura sky rocketed the minute you seen me hiding. It calmed me down." Naruto said and Asuma calmed, before speaking.

"Are you dating the Nara, you know I approve." Naruto gave a small smile, and spoke to Asuma.

"His Aura is different, and Kyu tells me it's because he's my mate. He the only one I'll let hold me like you and Ji-San used to do. I know that he cares for me, but what if he doesn't like me?" Naruto said, and Asuma hummed.

"How could anybody not like you?" Naruto tapped his chin and Asuma chuckled loudly.

"Well aside from your attitude, and resting face, if they are honest with you, you'll open up right away." Naruto sighed and leaned in Asuma.

"I suppose, I'll talk to him about it." Naruto said lowly, and Asuma nodded. Naruto and the group continued to walk, and suddenly

Naruto almost fell because Asuma and Kakashi seemed to leave, but he caught himself and stood straight.

"Where's our sensei's? Why did they just leave?" Sakura proclaimed, and Naruto turned around. He took his hair from the ponytail, and kicked his shoes off, while everybody was looking at him weird, Shikamaru hummed lowly.

"Protect the bridge builder." Naruto said as his eyes darted around before landing on a puddle.

"What are you going to do Baka? I don't...." Sakura was cut off when she heard metal clanking, Naruto dodges a Kunai to his cheek swiftly, while Shikamaru seemed to capture what looked like a clone. The male runs towards Sakura, and since Ino, Choji and Sasuke listened to protect the bridge builder, they were too far.

They couldn't reach Sakura in time, but Naruto did. Before the Kunai sliced Sakura in the throat, Naruto came to save her, stabbing his Kunai into the heart of the man. The blood splattered, and he turned that blank face into a small smile.

**"I love the sight of blood."**

"Sakura, what the hell did I say? Not only did you almost lose your life, but you totally let your guard down! START TRAINING!" Naruto screamed that last part, and Sakura jumped, Naruto hadn't been angry in a while.

"Shikamaru, what the criminal say?" Naruto asked as he cleaned his Kunai, and placed it back in his weapons pouch. Shikamaru has just finished binding the criminal.

"These two were sent by a Ninja named Zabuza, who's apparently been sent by Gato who somehow has control over the wave." Naruto hummed and sliced the second males neck, before he turned back around and spoke.

"Kakashi, Asu-Sensei. I'm leaving, calm the children down please." Naruto said walking by the confused Genin tying up his hair as he did so, Shikamaru followed after because he could see blue chakra

swirling at his feet.

Kakashi jumped down to talk to the children, while Asuma talked to Tazuna. Kakashi mostly scolded Sakura who demanded that she be protected at all cost since she is Sasuke's wife to be. Sasuke only exhaled lowly. He liked Sakura don't get him wrong, but no matter how much he liked Sakura, he didn't want a weak wife.

"Well maybe you and Asuma shouldn't test us!" Sakura screamed and Sasuke sighed as him and Ino along with Choji walked ahead seeing as they didn't want to deal with them.

"Calm down Naruto." Shikamaru said as they continued to walk towards the pier. Naruto heard what Shikamaru said, but chose to rant.

"She is so unbelievably stupid, that fan girl act will get her killed. She wants to be all about Sasuke, but Sasuke is quickly progressing into a Chunin level Shinobi!" Naruto said Shikamaru sighed, and tapped Naruto's forehead, he bent down so him and Naruto were at eye level.

"Naruto." Naruto sighed and looked into those raven eyes, they made him want to just kiss him, so that exactly what he did. Naruto just listened to his instincts, and leaned in to kiss Shikamaru. Shikamaru was surprised, but it's not as if he didn't like it.

Ino and Asuma was constantly teasing him, saying that he liked Naruto more than a friend. He would adamantly deny it. However this kiss, made him feel like he and Naruto could be together in this world, he was the only one that Naruto liked touching more on a playful level than anybody else.

Naruto reveled in the kiss, that made his inner fox purr behind Kurama's loud and insufferable yelling.

**"Finally, now mark him!"** Naruto pulled away from Shikamaru, sensing that everybody was coming, he stood as the wind blew and looked Shikamaru in his face before saying his next sentence.

"Let's date." Naruto said, and it made Shikamaru chuckle. There was

no emotion in his face, but his voice was pleading, and it was cute that he tried to put on his hating face in case anybody came back quicker.

"Troublesome redhead." Shikamaru brought Naruto to his chest, Naruto sighed contently in those arms as Shikamaru spoke.

"Yes, I'll be your future husband, you little ball of Uzumaki Anger." Naruto scoffed, but smile into his chest, before pulling away and talking lowly to Shikamaru.

The duo stood at the water bank waiting for the other members of his team, Sakura was being dragged by Kakashi as Asuma walked with the competent Genin, as Tazuna walked next to Kakashi and Sakura.

"Great, let's head to the wave." Asuma said as he piled the Genin, and the bridge builder in the tiny boat, while he and Kakashi walked on water to the wave country, Naruto could've joined them, but Shikamaru smelled way too good, so Naruto decided to smell Shikamaru the entire ride, while Shikamaru talked to Choji. Sakura frowned the entire time as Sasuke and Ino talked about the mission.

The Minute they stepped off the boat, everybody felt a heavy weight on them, Naruto groaned in absolute annoyance, he walked in front of everybody, his red chakra swirling at his feet.

"He's angry." Asuma said lighting a cigarette, and Shikamaru sighed.

"I don't even know why at this point." Shikamaru said as Naruto took his hair and he quickly jumped up, dodging a sword. Naruto scoffed throwing Kunai at the man that dared tried to cut him down.

"Kakashi, Sasuke. 1 Kilometer to the east , Third tree, 6th branch." Naruto said and Kakashi looked to Asuma.

"He gave you the location of the enemy, go." Asuma said and Sasuke and Kakashi took off.

"You dare try and..." Naruto kicked the man in the face, the Geometric pattern over his body, as his feet and arms glowed red.

*"Why am I so angry?"* Naruto asked as he kicked the man into the water.

**"He interrupted your time with your mate."**

"You arrogant BRAT! I'll Kill You!" The man screamed, and Naruto stood on the water. Naruto looked around, and squatted.

"Shut up! I'll fucking watch your blood dance in this water! Asshole!" Naruto brought out his sealing utensils, sealing easily.

Shikamaru sighed and went to walk ahead but Asuma shook his head no, The Genin left behind were watching with wide eyes. Kakashi and Sasuke came back having killed the boy, and then watched as Naruto sliced the man like deli ham.

Naruto watched as the man stopped breathing, taking a deep breath he cleaned his Kunai and sealed it away, tying his hair back in a ponytail. He walked back towards the group, blood on his robe before he spoke.

"I need a bath, please lead the way Tazuna." Naruto said as he walked ahead of the group as if he knew where he was going anyways.

# VX. Buying his forever home

"You seem to be taking your training seriously." Sasuke said as he watched as Sakura increased her pure strength by push ups, and running laps around the forest. She stopped and panted, looking at Sasuke.

"I was an asshole to Naruto, and being attacked by those ninjas and freezing like that showed me that I was really ignorant, I won't always be protected, and I feel a lot more powerful in the one month of training." Sasuke sighed and ruffled Sakura's hair.

"I'm proud of you, however it's late we should head inside." Sasuke said and they heard the sliding door open, Naruto came out and saw his teammates aura.

Sasuke was calm.

Sakura was regret, inferior.

He could finally believe in his teammates, not so much Kakashi just yet, and he wasn't sure why he was taking so long.

"Wanna spar Sakura?" Naruto asked and Sakura nodded.

"Thank you." Naruto nodded and got in position, Sakura ran at him, she was throwing punches, and Naruto was blocking. Sakura was good for a Genin.

"Good, now predict. You have a great base knowledge of Taijutsu. You could be great, along with your chakra control, you could be a medic." Naruto said and Sakura sighed as she continued giving her all.

"I want to master Genjutsu." Naruto and Sasuke gave her a small smile, her eyes sparkled when she saw a smile on her stoic lover,

and her bloodthirsty teammate.

"We'll support you 100%, now go rest. We'll pick this up tomorrow." Sakura nodded and bowed.

"I'm sorry Naruto!" Sakura said and Naruto sighed lowly, he wasn't annoyed but she should know he wasn't upset with her.

"I forgive you Sakura." Naruto sighed lovingly when he felt Shikamaru's arms around his neck, he leaned in as Shikamaru yawned.

"You are helping Sakura train." Naruto nodded and looked to Sakura.

"I'm no Genjutsu master, but my chakra control is amazing and I can at least help you with that, right?" Naruto said and Sakura nodded.

"Thanks for helping me Naruto." Sasuke grabbed Sakura's hand.

"You need to wash up before dinner." Sasuke scolded and Sakura sighed. The duo walked away and Sasuke spoke.

"Congratulations, i always knew Dobe." Naruto smiled lightly that only Shikamaru caught.

"I'll kill you dead Sasuke." Sasuke chuckled knowing that Naruto meant it in a light tone, him and Sakura walked in the home as he and Shikamaru climbed the tree to look at the stars.

"You like your team." Shikamaru said as Naruto sighed and placed his head on Shikamaru's shoulder.

"Sakura finally learned that she won't always be protected, that me and Sasuke won't always be there for her. Sasuke finally stopped trying to be like his older brother. They are likable." Naruto said and Shikamaru nodded.

The stars shined brightly in the sky, they sat perched up on the highest branch, as they continued looking at the stars, the night went on and soon it was time for dinner. However nobody came to

find them, Asuma and Kakashi were out looking for Gato's base. Naruto looked to Shikamaru to see him looking at the stars.

"Shikamaru." Shikamaru looked down, and saw Naruto giving him a soft smile, he wondered what he was going to say.

"Thank you for liking me, I know I'm unbearable, and psycho sometimes, but you still like me enough to calm me down and hold me, and kiss me." Naruto said and Shikamaru sighed.

"I honestly didn't think I would fall for you. Father always said that Nara's were always attracted to somebody that was different from them, active, troublesome." Shikamaru tapped Naruto's forehead.

"You are crazy, a little psycho and a little bloodthirsty. However, you make me the happiest, when you smile like that." Naruto gave a sighed and tossed himself at Shikamaru, almost knocking them off the branch, Naruto chuckled lowly.

Shikamaru made him want to smile.

"Hungry?" Naruto asked and Shikamaru shook his head no. He jumped down and Naruto followed him. Naruto reaches the bottom after Shikamaru had been waiting and looked at him.

"Let's head to sleep." Naruto nodded as they walked in the home. Sasuke and Choji roomed together but Sakura found her way inside Sasuke's bed. Sakura and Ino were supposedly suppose to room together, while Kakashi and Asuma roomed together.

They walked to the room and laid in the bed, Naruto snuggling into Shikamaru as Shikamaru sighed and held Naruto. Knowing that soon they were heading home.

A week later, they arrived home and all Naruto wanted to do was go back to sleep, Sasuke had taken over Sakura's Taijutsu training, while Naruto helped with her Chakra control. However Naruto had missed sleeping in Shikamaru's actual bed, one that smelled just like him that made him smile.

"An A-Rank mission marked C, and you all did fantastic." The Ninja's but Naruto nodded and bowed, Naruto looked at the pervert,

he finally stopped hiding his aura, but why was it that every time the male looked at Naruto, his Aura read a few things.

Regretful, hurt, misery.

He wondered why that was the emotion when the pervert started opening up his aura. He just looked at the man, before he turned back to Ji-San, who was boasting of Naruto's accomplishments, like he was a proud grandfather. Naruto sighed, as everybody around him, laughed and joked. Naruto turned around to leave.

"Can we pick up payment?" Naruto asked and Hizuren nodded, Naruto walked out the door and Ino and Choji who still didn't understand him was confused, Shikamaru sighed and Sasuke gave a chuckle.

"He was embarrassed." Asuma told his students, and Ino and Choji wondered, how Naruto who was strong, powerful and a little insane, be embarrassed about the small teasing they did.

Naruto grabbed his money and went into the clan part of the village, there was a small home, that used to belong to the fourth Hokage and his wife. It had went on the market for years because nobody believed they were good enough to live in it. However the house basically called out to Naruto.

"How much?" Naruto asked the woman, she wasn't biased

"This was the prestigious fourth Hokage's home, do you really wish to move in and become a pariah?" Naruto hummed lowly.

"How much please?" Naruto replied and the woman sighed, told him the amount and Naruto paid her that and went about his business. He opened the doors and looked around, the minute he stood inside, for once it felt like home.

"I love it." Naruto said as he made some clones to clean the home, while he went to buy food. He walked down the streets of Konoha, he knew a lot of people still didn't like him, however they weren't going to keep serving him poison forever.

He walked in the grocery store, ignoring the looks as he Shopped,

he looked at the sweet section. He's never had anything sweet in his life. So he brought a box of chocolates, it had at least 40 different pieces. He grabbed it and paid for his items, of course he went in the line with the one that didn't exclude a rude Aura.

He walked out the store with his groceries and there stood Shikamaru. Shikamaru folded his arms, and Naruto gave kind smile.

"You've gotten better at Chakra sensing." Naruto said and Shikamaru took the bag from Naruto, and walked towards his old apartment, before Naruto spoke.

"I brought a house Shikamaru." Shikamaru turned back around, and sighed.

"You actually bought the fourths house." Naruto nodded as the duo walked in silence.

"The house feels like it was meant to be mines. So I bought it." Naruto said and Shikamaru nodded, leaning down to kiss Naruto on his forehead.

"I'll help you get settled then." Naruto smiled at Shikamaru.

He loved the teen.

# X. Jealousy

Naruto and his teammates were sitting at training ground seven. They were waiting on Kakashi for either Sakura training or a mission. As they sat, Sakura kept asking Naruto about his date with Shikamaru. Sighing, Naruto chose to answer her.

"He took me to sushi, it was good. He let me eat till my heart was content." Naruto said and Sakura pouted.

"Did you kiss? Have you and Shikamaru had your first kiss yet? Are you both going to marry?" Sasuke sighed as Sakura seemed to get more excited that Naruto found somebody worthy of him.

"We kiss, and although our relationship right now is just mostly hand holding, and small touches, we have kissed a few times." Sakura squeal could be heard throughout the village. Naruto only sighed and continued looking at the sky.

"Calm down Sakura." Sasuke said, and Naruto looked down.

"Brown looks good on you Sakura." Naruto said and Sakura smiled, before she could talk Kakashi came over holding tickets. Naruto stood and took them handing them to his teammates.

"What is this for? Sasuke asked, and Kakashi eye smiled.

"The Chunin exams, they start today in about three hours." Each one of them sighed, Naruto only stood up straight and walked off.

"You meet at the academy of you plan to take them. I'll be leaving. Ja'." Kakashi left and Sasuke and Sakura shared a look before watching Naruto walk off.

Naruto felt weird, like he was being drawn to somebody, not the same way he was drawn to Shikamaru, Shikamaru was a special

case. He allowed Shikamaru to touch him when he was young and had trouble trusting everybody. Now he's a little older, and a lot less angry.

When he arrived to where his feet was carrying him he saw two sand Shinobi bullying the Hokage's grandson while another hid in a tree. Naruto politely walked towards them and spoke.

"Please put the child down, that is the Hokage's grandson." Naruto said lowly, while the man with paint chuckled and held the kid upside down.

"This child should've watched where they were going." The blonde one folded her arms, unaware the ring leader was watching them.

"I'm not going to ask again." Naruto said, taking his hair out of the ponytail and blue chakra swirling at his feet, while the girl took that time to roll her eyes.

"What's a Genin like you...." Naruto was gone before she finished that sentence. He had already unsealed a Kunai, and sliced the clothes that held the boy to the sand ninja. Before kicking the boy in the tree that the second boy was in, and kicking the sister into the fence. Naruto stood there before he looked up at the red head.

"Are we going to talk, or are we going to fight? Raccoon." Naruto said the boy jumped down and revealed to have red hair like Naruto's, he stood there with a gourd on his back.

"We can talk, unless you want to fight." Naruto sighed and folded his arms.

"We can't fight, Shikamaru will be here soon, he's taking his slow time but he would've felt my chakra spike." Naruto said and the boy nodded.

"So what do you want to talk about? I mean you just knocked my siblings out." Naruto looked at the boy, his Aura was murderous, but only because of the number of people he killed, he was mostly tired, irritable. Completely open.

"I'll fix the seal, if you trust me." Naruto said and the boys eyes

widened.

"I'm a seal master, and the jinchuriki to the nine tailed fox, we are technically sibling." Naruto said and there was footsteps.

"Naruto are you serious, why are two foreign Shinobi knocked out?" Naruto and the boy looked to the newcomer, but Shikamaru wasn't alone, he brought his teammates and Naruto's.

"The one with the pineapple hair is your mate, his scent is all over you." Naruto nodded as he and the boy continued talking.

"Yeah, isn't he cute?" Naruto said as Shikamaru sighed.

"He's decent, not really my type. I'm Gaara Sabuku by the way." Naruto nodded.

"Naruto Uzumaki." Shikamaru grew annoyed.

"You plan on answering me?" Shikamaru said and Naruto sighed.

"They were causing a ruckus with Konohamaru, and they pissed me off, but Gaara is pretty cool." Naruto shrugged, and Shikamaru clicked his teeth.

"You just met him, you should be fighting him." Shikamaru said folding his arms, Naruto and Gaara looked at the boy with a blank face while their teammates laughed behind them.

"Oh Shikamaru is jealous." Ino Said lowly and everybody nodded.

"Your mates jealous." Gaara said and Shikamaru huffed.

"I'm not jealous!" Naruto sighed he wanted to laugh at him.

"Shikamaru come." Naruto said making Shikamaru bend down to face level, Naruto tapped him on the forehead.

"Gaara is technically my brother, he's a Jinchuriki like me. No need to be so jealous." Naruto said lowly. Shikamaru rolled his eyes before Naruto kissed him on the forehead.

"Now play nice." Naruto said and Shikamaru nodded before looking to Gaara.

"I'm sorry if I was rude." Shikamaru said and Gaara shook his head.

"Me and Naruto seem to click, more than my actual siblings. I think it's because our childhood was the same." Gaara said and Naruto grabbed Shikamaru's hand for some sort of contact.

"We should head to the examines, you should wake your siblings up." Sakura said and Gaara hummed.

"WAKE UP OR ILL KILL YOU!" Gaara screamed and both his sibling jumped up at that, Naruto shook his head in approval watching as Gaara spoke.

"These leaf ninjas are my friends, and you both should accept them. The redhead is going to fix the seal." Gaara said and everybody looked to Naruto, not just the sand siblings, and Naruto scoffed.

"I'm leaving you all." Naruto said and Sasuke spoke.

"He doesn't like to be the center of attention either." Sasuke had been getting a lot more fluent at Naruto's body language.

So they all walked to the academy, and inside they went. They walked up the stairs to the third floor, and walked in. There was a mass amount of KI that did nothing for any of the ninja's there, because they have all experienced Naruto's which makes you want to actually ask for death.

Soon a male came in, declaring that everybody shut up and stand in a straight line, that they all pick a number and sit in that assigned seat. Once they were seated, there was a test being handed out with the rules being explained, the proctor called for them to begin but Naruto felt like sleeping, so that's exactly What he did.

Time was called as the Uzumaki slept away, the rules for the tenth question was stated and that had the Genin freak out, and some started dropping. Some were scared and just left, and when there hasn't been a elimination in a while time was called. With the Genin confused the proctor decided to explain the rules, however he didn't

get far before a woman came in, breaking the window and waking the Uzumaki up.

She declared that she was so cute and sexy but from Naruto's aura reading she was insecure, and hiding something, at it seemed to be important and she smelled of snakes.

Him and Kurama hated the smell of snakes as well as snakes themselves.

"Training ground 44, which any leaf ninja will tell you is the forest of death." She left and Naruto stood, as soon as he was, the sand siblings, his teammates along with team ten came over.

"Can we watch you fix Gaara's seal?" Naruto nodded and walked out the door, while being followed by his boyfriend and apparent friends.

# XI. The Smell of Snakes

The teams stood at training ground 44, Anko stood explaining the rules, but Naruto couldn't shake the overwhelming smell of snakes coming from her and the forest. So he did the only logical thing to do. Sakura has been training with Kurenai in Genjutsu, she quickly became a low Chunin level Shinobi, while Sasuke had been training with Kakashi, which put him at high Chunin.

There were still many things they needed to work on, but in time. Naruto was the best sensor in the group, so he took off his shoes, and let his hair down. The woman had finished explaining but team ten and the sand siblings watched Naruto before grabbing their scrolls.

"I hate snakes, this forest reeks of snakes." Naruto said as he pulled out a note, biting his thumb and summoning a fox he hands the fox a note.

"Give this to Ji-San." The fox nodded and ran off, Naruto stood up, and looked to his friends.

*"It feels weird calling them my friends."*

**"That's how you see them however."**

"Something fishy, I want you all to be careful in the forest, please make it to the tower safely." Naruto said and Ino smiled.

"You care about us, I'm happy we could be friends to you." Naruto looked at Ino and folded his arms.

"Go get the damn scroll Yamanaka!" Naruto said and Ino hugged him

"I'll watch Shikamaru, you can trust me, as long as you protect my best friend Sakura." Ino whispered, and Naruto sighed.

"I'll protect that stubborn woman, no need to worry Ino." Ino nodded, as she pulled Sakura and Temari to grab the scrolls. Shikamaru walked up to Naruto and tossed an arm around him, Naruto leaned into him as he looked at the forest.

"Your bad feeling, how bad is it?" Shikamaru asked and Naruto spoke.

"So bad that I don't want anybody I like to enter that forest." Naruto whispered and Shikamaru sighed, and tried to console him. Naruto just couldn't shake the feeling.

He didn't even want Ji-San in the forest.

"Shukaku said that he will protect me, but that stubborn fox better protect you." Gaara said and Kurama roared inside Naruto.

**"THAT ASSHOLE, HE'S THE ONE EATEN BY INSANITY, HE SHOULDN'T HAVE BLAMED THAT SEAL!"**

"Kurama says he will, you protect your siblings Gaara." Naruto said and Gaara nodded while Kankuro ruffles his little brothers hair.

"I'll protect my dear little brother, see you at the tower." They walked away when they saw Temari. Choji and Sasuke sighed as they saw Ino and Sakura walk back.

"You be safe in the forest." Naruto whispered and Shikamaru nodded, kissing Naruto on his cheek.

"See you Naruto." Naruto felt his heart rip before he turned back to his teammates, Sakura held Sasuke's hand as she hid the scroll. They reached their gate waiting for it to open. They all took to the tree's, once they were up the scent of snakes increased tenfold.

It was so intoxicating that Naruto almost threw up a hand full of time, Sakura went to jump but Naruto stopped her, looking behind them as they saw a grass woman, she had long black hair and her aura was off, and the scent of snakes stood out.

"I'll give you my scroll, for one thing." Naruto took out a Kunai.

"What would that one thing be?" Naruto feet swirled with red chakra, Sasuke never seen red chakra, just blue chakra, however Sakura remembers it from the time Naruto fought that ninja from the wave. They however remembered the talk with the Hokage right before the exams.

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*"Naruto is an angry child, and it's just because he was brought up on anger, the hatred so it was very hard for him to trust people." Hizuren said looking to the four of them before smiling.*

*"So I'm happy you four were able to be friends too him, despite the hurdles." Hizuren looked to Ino, Choji, Sakura and then Sasuke.*

*"However with the exams approaching I want you four to keep an eye on him, blue chakra is fine. He's not looking for blood, just to knock somebody out, but with red chakra..." Hizuren trailer wondering how to explain it without explaining everything.*

*"Let's just say with red chakra, his emotions are unstable, he's angry, and he's ready to kill, but he only does this if a loved one is in trouble."*

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"Hand over the Uchiha." Sasuke and Sakura's eyes widened, Naruto tilted his head. His red hair falling slightly to the left as he tried to comprehend what this woman was saying. Naruto looked at the woman and spoke.

"I'm not a very patience person, so I'll say this once. Who the hell are you, and why do you want Sasuke?" Naruto said and the woman was getting ready to answer before Naruto held his hand up.

"Do not lie, you reek of snakes, and I've known you were in this village since yesterday." Naruto said and the woman chuckled.

"Ah, well you see I want money. So I want to hold Sasuke hostage..." Naruto took off and sliced the stomach of the woman twisting his body mid-air to try to stab his Kunai in the woman's head but over jumped when he saw that she was shedding her skin.

There was a maniacal laugh heard throughout the forest, and as much as Gaara and Shikamaru wanted to head to Naruto's location, they didn't, and it pained them both, Shikamaru more than anybody.

"You are strong." Naruto stood on the same branch as His teammates, they watched as half of the face was that of a man and the other half was that of a woman. He cackled and cackled while screaming.

"SASUKE IS MY VESSEL, SUCH A BEAUTIFUL BODY, A TAUT BOY HE IS." Sasuke and Sakura watched with horror in their eyes as the male rambled on, and Naruto sighed. He cleaned his Kunai and started calming his breath.

"Sasuke, Sakura." Naruto said as his eyes were closed and his breathing calmed.

"We may have just became friends, and I may have been a bitch to you both in the beginning, but I want you all to know this." Naruto eyes opened to show red eyes, his body was littered in the geometric pattern but instead of black it was red, a huge amount of chakra shot out scaring the nearby teams and animals, as his hair seemed to blow endlessly.

"I will protect you both, I won't let anyone hurt you." Naruto said and he went through the summoning Jutsu signs.

"Summoning arts, Demonic fox Sword." Naruto stood, as a beautiful Katana seemed to come up from the ground. The male standing across from them, his laughing stopped as he seen the legendary sword.

"You must be favored among the foxes, that sword has had only one wielder before you." The male said and Naruto exhaled.

"Sakura, protect Sasuke, Anko is coming." Naruto took off as his sword immediately clanked with another, the legendary grass sword that was covered in poison, but no matches to a sword that literally came from the Shinigami himself.

Sasuke drew a Kunai as many weapons seemed to come flying at him. Sakura calmed her breathing and her chakra going through handsigns, she wasn't going to be weak, she wasn't going to allow Sasuke or Naruto to get hurt because of her.

She was going to hold her own, as soon as she saw Anko she muttered the strongest Genjutsu Kurenai had taught her.

"Demonic illusion; Tree Bind Death." Sakura said, and Anko's surroundings went black, Sakura and Sasuke seemed to move simultaneously. Anko was trapped as Sasuke whispered.

"You never stood a chance against us." Sasuke said and Sakura drew the Kunai, this would be her first death, but she would do it.

"Die, I'll see you in hell." Sakura sliced her neck, blood splattered, as she watched the life leave Anko's eyes.

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# XII. Worried Friends

The blood fell and the life left Anko's eyes, as Sakura jumped, grabbing Sasuke they barely missed a round of Kunai's heading their way. Sakura's body was pressed against Sasuke's, as Sasuke's back met the tree. Sasuke held Sakura to him, she was a good sensor, he didn't even sense that. He would've been dead if it wasn't for Sakura.

"Thanks Sakura." Sasuke held her tighter and Sakura exhaled.

"They are trying to distract us while Naruto is fighting the man that wants you, what should we do?" Sasuke tapped his chin, their skill level wasn't equip for this, however he only knew that they couldn't be separated from Naruto. They would kill them and or Naruto.

"We need to make it back to Naruto." Naruto seemed to have the upper hand in the fight, but whoever he was fighting was strong, quite possibly stronger than their Kage.

"Good, we'll create a smoke screen. Make some clones, and I'll place explosions seals on them." Sakura said and Sasuke watched as Sakura pulled eight seals out, Sakura looked back up and Sasuke despite all the danger they were in Sasuke leaned down and kissed Sakura quickly on the lip. Sakura blushed and watched as Sasuke only made clone after clone and she slapped seals on their backs.

Her first kiss was with her husband while they were in a middle of battle, but she would be lying if she said she didn't enjoy it.

Sasuke and Sakura held hands and jumped down, Sakura making the sign rat before speaking. "Kai." The smoke screen was a success and they ran back to Naruto.

Naruto dodges and swung his sword down, he heard a bloodcurdling screamed as one arm was completely separated from

the body, Naruto saw the scroll fall from his body.

"Grab that Sasuke!" Sasuke grabbed the scroll and Sakura nodded knowing that the one they needed.

"You SLICED MY ARM OFF." Naruto nodded as he stood their panting, he watched as the male fell to his knees, his blood spurting.

He then saw a red fire start to engulf him, he did the sign tiger, and the black hole opened and Naruto dropped the sword into it, his body went back to normal, he pulled some of Kurama's chakra so he could effectively run away.

"ILL KILL YOU, YOU NAMIKAZE BRAT! ILL HAVE SASUKE, AND ILL KILL YOU!" Naruto jumped down, as somebody came over.

"Lord Orochimaru." Naruto nodded and grabbed Sakura's hand to pull them along.

"Let's go now, we've been fighting them too long, it's already been about a day. And we are two days away from the tower." Naruto spoke as his teammates nodded, there was silence, but once they couldn't sense the snake anymore, and the forest seemed to get a lot lighter. Naruto stopped running and started walking. Sakura and Sasuke held one another's hand, as they walked.

They decided to start a fire and rest and eat. Sakura Eyes has already been closed until she was awoken by Sasuke slamming fire wood down, and Naruto came back with skinned rabbits, they all sat in a circle and started cooking their meals.

"I'm proud of you Sakura, you protected Sasuke." Naruto said and Sakura leaned into Sasuke, Sasuke ran a hand through Sakura's natural colored brown hair. (**Cause I hate the pink!)**

"I just wanted to be able to stand by you both, you both are so strong I didn't want to be so weak." Sasuke sighed.

"You aren't weak, granted we have more training to do, but we killed a Jounin, I say we are right on track." Naruto nodded as Sakura held a small smile. She just closed her eyes and rested

against Sasuke.

Two days later, they made it to the tower, and everybody was waiting for them. Team ten, the sand siblings, along with the Hokage, the pervert, Kakashi and Asuma. They were bombarded with hugs.

Sakura was hugged by Ino ,Temari, and Choji, Sasuke was bombarded by Kankuro and Kakashi. Naruto was bombarded by Shikamaru, Gaara, Asuma and Hizuren.

"I was so worried about you." Shikamaru whispered into Naruto's ear.

"SAKURA I WAS SO WORRIED." Ino screamed.

"I hope you are okay, Sasuke." Kakashi said.

"Off please." Naruto said and everybody got off but Shikamaru, but that all who he wanted touching him.

"What happened? Who attacked you three?" Hizuren asked and Sasuke spoke.

"We need to take this to your office." Sasuke said and Hizuren nodded, all of them left to the tower, once they arrived the Hokage kicked all the Anbu out and placed a seal, Sasuke begin explaining what happened as Naruto slept in Shikamaru's arms.

He hadn't slept in three days, opting to make sure his teammates made it back safe. Shikamaru just ran a hand through that red hair, as he listened to what Sasuke and Sakura explained.

"Naruto whole appearances changed, he declared to protect us as his feet was covered in red chakra. His eyes were red and he summoned a sword." Sakura said and Asuma tilted his head.

"A sword?" Shikaku walked in, he looked around the room, and sat down next to His son. Hizuren sighed and placed a higher seal around the room. Sasuke nodded.

"The sword was called Demonic Fox Sword." Sasuke said and eyes

widened, Shikaku Asuma and Hizuren eyes widened. They looked to the sleeping child.

"Are you sure he said that?" Asuma asked the kids and they nodded, before Shikamaru spoke.

"Why is that so shocking?" Shikaku sighed.

"There are many legendary swords crafted  from summoning creatures. They chose who they want to wield the power. Most of the legendary swords belong in the land of the most, however the rouge Sannin Orochimaru has one, however there was only one sword that was so prestigious that the summoners didn't like most of the humans on the earth to allow it to be wielded." Shikaku started before sighing.

"Humans? Are you telling us that the sword Naruto's wield was made by demons?" Shikamaru said, continuing to run a hand through that red hair.

"The last wielder of that sword lived back when Hashirama's was alive, the wielder was actually his wife Mito Uzumaki." Hizuren said and Gaara shook his head

"Wait, I'm confused, what does that have to do with Naruto wielding the sword?" Gaara asked and Hizuren sighed.

"The Demonic Fox Sword works like a sealing sword. One cut, and whatever he cut would stop being able to gather chakra, it also could be used to make demonic seals, the wielder of the sword isn't bound by the human limits, they can now access anything the demons can do." Everybody froze, that was fine and all, but how did Naruto even gain the sword to begin with.

"Who was strong enough that Naruto believed that using the ultimate sword was the only choice." Naruto eyes opened when Shikaku said that, he hummed as all eyes turned to him. Shikamaru's hands didn't stop as Naruto spoke.

"A man named Orochimaru is the reason I used the sword, he said that Sasuke was his next vessel and I couldn't allow him to take my

friend." Naruto said and the room nodded.

"Sakura, also protected Sasuke from Anko and an unknown companion utilizing an A-rank Genjustu and her sensor abilities." Naruto started before he spoke again.

"She protected Sasuke as much as I did." Naruto said and everybody nodded looking to Sakura, Sasuke brought her into a tight hug.

"You all should rest while we come up with a plan, team seven, you all did amazing." Hizuren said, Naruto stood up and spoke.

"The man isn't dead, I only cut off one arm, he won't be able to call for a Jutsu, but he knows many forbidden techniques, I'll start there." Naruto took Shikamaru's hand before turning to Shikaku.

"I approve Nara-San." Naruto said and Shikaku chuckled.

"Stop reading my aura." Naruto gave him a small smile.

"Ah, where's they fun in that, see you." All the teams left in a cloud of smoke, and the adults started planning.

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# XIII. The Princess Has Spoken

Naruto was walking to the Nara clan, they had the preliminaries yesterday, and he was proud of his team. Sakura and Sasuke both made it to the final round, Shikamaru made it, along with Shino the sand siblings and a few sound ninja's. However Naruto wanted a break, he exerted too much energy and just wanted to lay down.

He wanted to lay down with Shikamaru. So he continued walking before he opened the Nara clan door, he didn't knock, as he saw Shikaku sitting on the couch with Inoichi. Well really Shikaku was sleeping, and Naruto closed his eyes and sighed.

"Where's Shikamaru?" Naruto asked and Inoichi hummed.

"He went out." Naruto groaned and turned back around opening the door, before slamming it shut. Shikaku opened his eyes, and sighed.

"Naruto is going to kill my only son." Inoichi chuckled and sighed.

Naruto decided to walk to Shikamaru's favorite training ground, his was angry but no chakra at his feet so he wasn't that angry. He sighed as he walked to the field and Shikamaru wasn't there, his eyes closed, and he turned back around.

*"Shikamaru, I'll kill you fucking dead."*

**"Head home, I'm sure he'll find you."**

Naruto walked home, every time he did the ground rattled just a little more. He missed Shikamaru and he was fucking hiding, and playing hard to get! Which is stupid Naruto might say, Naruto opened his door and slammed it, he took off all his clothes, he walked around in underwear and went to his room.

He laid on his bed and covered himself with the covers but he

couldn't sleep, he sighed annoyingly, his birthday was coming soon, and all he wanted to do was finally mark Shikamaru, he was sure that heats were going to be a problem, but he's sure that Shikamaru can help him through that.

*"I hate him."* Naruto said as he turned to the window, Shikamaru had finish training with Asuma when he walked in his home, Shikaku laid on the couch and spoke lowly.

"Naruto is pissed, you should go see him." Shikamaru yawned and walked passed his father, he needed a shower first and told his father that he would be doing that.

Shikaku went back to sleep and Shikamaru stripped out of his clothes and headed to shower. Once the hot water cascaded all over his skin, he sighed when he looked down.

That had been happening a lot more lately, Naruto's touches started effecting him more than usual, and he was constantly sporting one, even when he wasn't thinking consciously about Naruto.

"Troublesome redhead." Shikamaru muttered as he started to relieve himself before seeing and calming down an eventual angry future wife. He dressed in pants and shirt, he had pajamas at Naruto house he'll change in pajamas after dinner.

Shikamaru walked right in, and walked right up to Naruto's room, he dodged a punch. He grabbed the same hand that Naruto threw a punch with and placed it at his side. Shikamaru then pulled Naruto to him and wrapped him in a hug.

"I was training, don't be so mad Naruto." Shikamaru voice washed over Naruto, Naruto sighed in his hold, before he went back to bed. Shikamaru followed.

"Is this what we are doing all day?" Naruto nodded, as he laid on top of Shikamaru, his legs wrapping around Shikamaru's, his head resting in the crook of Shikamaru, inhaling the natural scent of his mate. Naruto was running hands across the beard Shikamaru was growing and Naruto was swooning.

He was so attached, too attached to Shikamaru which was scary because he didn't mark Shikamaru at all yet. He continued doing the small things, as Shikamaru laced his hands through Naruto's hair, massaging his scalp in a gentle manner.

The two continued doing so until Shikamaru felt himself get harder, the more those lovely hands touched his face. He tried to get up, but Naruto was intent on not letting the Shikamaru leave this bed.

"Shika." Naruto said lowly, it made Shikamaru stand even more at attention. Naruto parted his lips, and started breathing heavily on Shikamaru's neck. Naruto licked his lips, and planted his lips to Shikamaru's neck.

Light licking and sucking could be heard in the room, Naruto continued while he also kept on rubbing Shikamaru's beard. Shikamaru hands found its way to Naruto's ass, running it slightly encouraging Naruto to continue.

Naruto lifted one leg, rubbing slightly on Shikamaru's hardened member. The room smelled like lust and want, and by the small grunts Shikamaru was giving him, he wasn't stopping now. Naruto pulled away from Shikamaru's neck to lick his fangs.

"This might hurt." Naruto whispered and Shikamaru opened his eyes, when he felt such a delicious pain shoot through his neck, Naruto pulled away and licked it. A tiny fox found its way on Shikamaru's neck.

"Shikamaru." Naruto said, hovering above that panting face, Naruto's hair hanging slightly from its ponytail. Shikamaru raven eyes looked into those beautiful blue eyes, Naruto placed a hand on Shikamaru's cheek.

"Fuck Me. I won't be with anybody for the rest of my life, so please. You are the only person in this world I'd ever allow to see me like this." Naruto said and Shikamaru placed a hand on Naruto's cheek.

"You have to love me for life Shikamaru." Naruto said and Shikamaru gave a smile.

"I love you Naruto, I will make love to you." Naruto ended up on his back and stripped from his underwear, while Shikamaru suddenly had enough energy to take control of the situation.

"You can't take it back." Naruto said as Shikamaru ghosted his breathe against Naruto's ear, watching Naruto squirm beneath him

"I won't." Shikamaru said nibbling on Naruto's ear, making Naruto moan lowly.

"I will be by your angry side until I'm dead." Shikamaru started as his hand reached Naruto's member watching As his eyes twisted up in pleasure, and Shikamaru wanted to memorize that face.

"Even in death, I'll be by your side, Naruto."

The next morning, Hizuren along with Shikaku and Asuma walked in the home. It was about 1pm and nobody had seen the children. When they opened the room door they were prepared for everything. The children having sex, Shikamaru bleeding out on the floor, arguing or them straight up not being there.

However when the door opened, they saw Naruto with his red hair in a ponytail as he leaned into Shikamaru, and Shikamaru hand twisted into that red hair, as they both slept soundly. They sighed lowly and was getting ready to leave before Naruto spoke.

"I've been thinking about this a lot, I want you three to be honest with me." Naruto unlatched Shikamaru's hand from his hair and let him sleep, they had finally been able to sleep after intense pleasurable orgasms.

"The Fourth Hokage, and his wife were my parents." Naruto said and they looked at him. Naruto could sense the air in the room shift but he didn't care.

"How'd you come to that conclusion." Naruto yawned, and took a healing hand to his back, Shikamaru was so rough with him, but he's be lying if he said he didn't like the roughness . He believed it was Kurama's doing.

"Orochimaru called me a Namikaze brat, but I carry only the name

Uzumaki, unless I belonged to two clans, and then Jiraiya hiding his aura from me makes perfect sense." Naruto shrugged, and Shikaku nodded.

"It was just finally the pieces fell into place, I would like my money then." Naruto said and laid back down, Asuma walked over and ran a hand through that red hair.

"You will always be my father, Asu." Naruto whispered and Asuma nodded.

"Sleep well, Tell Shikamaru that we'll start training tomorrow." Shikamaru groaned.

"Too much of a damn drag. I would like to stay with my wife." Naruto chuckled a little, and everybody was felt a little more at ease.

"Silly Nara, you need to train. Or you can't protect our future children." Shikamaru sighed.

"The Princess has spoken." Shikamaru said and Naruto smiled.

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# XIV. Battle

Sakura watched as Sasuke took on Gaara, the duo were so close to the closing elements of the match until she saw Naruto hair flow from his holder, and him tossing his shoes before he spoke.

"Go to Shikamaru." Naruto said as he drew a Kunai, and the minute he landed on the ground, he heard metal clinking, and an explosion from the east side of the village.

Hizuren stood quickly, as he felt a wide spread Genjutsu. He looked over and saw the body of the Kazekage falling, and a maniacal laughter he hasn't heard in a while. He saw the long tongue and his former student with two arms, even if Naruto sliced one clean off.

Naruto stood in front of a taller male, who Kunai rested against his, he had white hair and glasses he had the same chakra signature of the male that called Orochimaru by his name.

"I've come for the Uchiha." He said and Naruto body littered in lines, as his diamond that rested on his chest glowed blue.

"I'm sorry you all travelled far for something you can't obtain." Naruto said pushing the man off of him. Gaara took Sasuke away so Naruto could fully protect them, Sasuke frowned, but nodded headed to help fight some people who invaded.

"Keep your eyes on him, Gaara." Naruto said and Gaara nodded. Naruto cracked his bones, he rarely used this, but he was angry and wanted to see bones break, so without thinking too much about anything but seeing bones break Naruto spoke.

*"Cast a seal, I want this bastards fucking blood!"* Naruto made a clone solely on Kurama's chakra so Kurama could make the seal, once he did he looked towards the top of the Hokage tower. There was barrier, and he was sure the old man was up there.

Seeing if he could save the man, he ran that way dodging the traps that were set. Naruto would be ultimately devastated if the old man didn't make it, he would blame himself, he would go dark seeing that the first man that acknowledged him to die, he wouldn't be able to go on.

"You're a medic." Naruto didn't reply to the man, as he punched him in the jaw, dodging his hands, Naruto knew that medics could slice muscles, now he practiced that but Tsunade never did, but this medic seemed to adept in that aspect.

"You are so serious." The male said and Naruto kicked him in the face, pushing more chakra to his legs and arms, starting to really pummel the Guy. He watched as blood flowed, bones cracked, and short gasps could be heard. Naruto didn't even think about anybody before shoving the Kunai in the man's heart, watching the life leave his eyes, before releasing the seal.

Naruto hair laid against his back before her walked out the arena, allowing his feet to lead him, he knew that he had to follow wherever his body was taking him. When he reached the other side, he saw his classmates and friends battling some sound ninja's, Naruto squatted down and took out his sealing utensils. Stroking effortlessly on the paper, he concentrated and slammed his hand down.

"Sealing Art; Dark Plague." Naruto called putting as he stood back up. Black shadows rose from the ground, covering any Shinobi that didn't belong to the leaf and the sand, and killed them. Naruto walked up to Shikamaru, Shikamaru tossed an arm around Naruto while Naruto leaned into him.

"He invaded just to get Sasuke." Naruto said and Shikamaru nodded as Sasuke and Sakura came up to them.

"Are you okay, you're bleeding." Naruto and Shikamaru looked to where Sakura was pointing too, before Naruto spoke.

"That's not my blood." Naruto replied and Sakura exhaled, while leaning into Sasuke, Naruto looked around and saw the barrier go down. He nodded before turning to his friends.

"I'll be leaving, see you at the village meeting." Naruto pulled Shikamaru along, while his friends headed their separate ways, Naruto sighed lowly, Shikamaru just ran a hand up and down the side of Naruto.

Naruto couldn't believe they would go so far to capture Sasuke, the invasion didn't even last long, he was wondered what happened, but he was too tired, something was happening with his body, it was different from when his chakra was merging. However now it would seem that even using a little of his chakra he was super tired.

"Go shower." Shikamaru said and Naruto grabbed his hand pulling it to the bathroom, Naruto stripped himself and Shikamaru before turning on the water and getting in.

Sixteen year old Shikamaru, loved the fifteen year old boy who washed the blood of his body, and from his hair, he always wondered what Naruto thought about being painted as red as his hair. So he decided to ask.

"Do you like blood?" Shikamaru asked and Naruto nodded.

"I like the way it looks, how if I stab my Kunai at a certain angle I can make a blood fountain. It interest me. It might be Kurama's influence however." Naruto said turning the water off and Shikamaru grabbed a towel.

They just put on underwear and slid under the covers, Shikamaru brought Naruto to his chest, running a hand through that red hair as he drifted to sleep, Naruto watched that face for a while before he also just drifted to sleep. Soothing Naruto as the night seemed to change until day time.

The door was being knocked on, and Naruto pulled away from Shikamaru to go answer the door.

"Put some clothes on, that body belongs to me!" Shikamaru spoke loudly before Naruto hit the door, he grumbled and walked back upstairs to throw on a robe.

"Possessive Nara." Shikamaru chuckled and spoke.

"I don't want anybody seeing that body that I marked so brutally." Naruto huffed and opened the door, seeing the sand siblings. Gaara looked sad, Naruto walked forward and Gaara sighed.

"We have to leave, they found my fathers body in the desert. I'll write you Okay?" Naruto nodded and pulled the child into a hug. Patting his hair as Gaara sighed deeply.

"You be strong Gaara, come back because you have to tell the Hyuga how you feel." Gaara's cheeks dusted pink, Naruto gave a smile.

"You were practically flirting during your match, I'll miss you Raccoon." Gaara chuckled.

"Bye Fox, You reek of deer." Naruto sighed happily, before he waved the sand siblings goodbye. He was about to close the door but saw Asuma walking up.

"Father." Naruto said and Asuma looked like he's been through hell. He walked in, not even ruffling Naruto's hair, so Naruto already knew something happened.

"I'll Kill Kakashi, did he do something to you?" Naruto asked, as Kurama took that time to finally make his way back inside his body, he held his seal as Kurama seemed to be burdened by something.

"Me and Kakashi are fine, but...." Asuma started crying, it wasn't loud, but small tears fell and Naruto was nervous. Shikamaru came down in some sweats and a shirt as he looked at Naruto. He came and sat down next to Naruto as he held Naruto's hand.

"Sensei, what happened?" Shikamaru asked, and Asuma looked at Naruto, such sadness as he had to tell a teen he saw as a son that somebody he saw as a grandfather died.

"My Father died." Naruto sat there with a blank face, as he watched Asuma breakdown a little more, Shikamaru placing his hand on his, bringing Naruto to him.

*"Did you know?"*

**"I got there too late to save him, I'm sorry Naruto."**

Naruto stood and calmed his breathing, he didn't want to loose all the emotions he finally gained, but once the tears started falling, he screamed as he felt like a piece of him died. Naruto fell to his knees and clutched his heart as he wailed.

"Ji-San." Naruto spoke through a fit of tears, both Shikamaru and Asuma sat there watching Naruto cry his eyes out.

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# XV. Determination

"He's holed himself in that room for days after the funeral." Asuma said worriedly, it was bad because Naruto didn't even want to let Shikamaru in. Shikamaru sighed and leaned against the door, Naruto's sixteenth birthday came and went and they didn't hear anything other then slight movements and the shower running occasionally.

"Well, Shikamaru fix him." Sakura said and Shikamaru sighed even more.

He missed Naruto, he was right there, but he didn't get to touch him, or kiss him, or even deal with his anger.

"Does it look like I can do anything if Naruto isn't letting any of us in?" Shikamaru's voice was angry, he hadn't been able to do anything for a month. No kissing, no hugging and no sex, and they just started getting more intimate.

"I'm sorry." Sakura responded, Shikamaru must be feeing so many emotions right now, and she wasn't helping the situation.

"I'm just as worried as you all are, but I've done this before. So I will sit against the door, until he's ready to let us back in." Shikamaru said sighing, even if he really did miss Naruto, he had to wait for Naruto to come to him.

So team seven and team ten along with Asuma did the same thing. They sat around the door and talked, Shikamaru tended to just nodded and mutter words of agreement. Naruto laid in his bed as he looked at the ceiling.

He felt so empty. Like he lost his soul. He was lost, like he lied in a river, floating further and further away from his destination. He wanted Shikamaru, but he had no motive to even stand up and

open the door.

No motivation to release the seal.

Even it had been a month since the funeral.

**"Your friends are worried, and your mate may spiral into depression."**

*"You don't think I know that? I should've killed the snake in the forest."*

**"But you didn't, so how are you going to fix it? How are you going to fix your mistake?"**

*"I'm not sure."*

**"You know what needs to be done, you are a genius, a Shinobi genius, you've been trained by the old bastard himself, you know what you need to do."**

*"I don't know, I'm unsure."*

**"You aren't, think Naruto."**

Naruto laid there, he continued looking at the ceiling. Everything he did was to protect Sasuke, but everything Ji-San did was to protect the village. Similar ideals, but Ji-San died, and it wasn't because he was weak, but because in a fight with someone with a lot of chakra involved, Ji-San would have never stood a chance.

Naruto sat up quickly, his red hair was disheveled,he was an excellent opponent to Orochimaru, it was why he was able to slice an arm clean off, Naruto can beat anybody in a will of Chakra. He had to kill the snake, while making sure to protect his friends.

*"I'll just have to end his life the next time I see him."*

**"You need to train with the sword more, there are many things that you haven't accomplished yet, be ready the next time you meet him."**

*"I'll save my friends, and avenge the old man. Believe it."*

Naruto stood and went to shower, and everybody outside the door, exhaled when they heard the shower cut on. Shikamaru closed his eyes, thinking of the last thing Naruto said to him before he shut everybody out.

He called him possessive, and it made him chuckle. He was only possessive because it was Naruto's own damn fault for being so beautiful, it was his good genes that made him want to possessive anyways.

Who in their right mind was going to deny Naruto? That beautiful scarlet colored hair, and piercing blue eyes, those whisker marks on his cheeks, that tanned colored skin, and those smarts?

Nobody, anybody with a brain would deal with Naruto's attitude if it meant at night those soft hands would rub against their beard, or scalp, or any part of their body.

So yes, Shikamaru felt like he needed to be possessive. That he needed to protect what was his. The door opened, and Shikamaru felt those soft hands, as those arms got tossed around his neck, and his hands found its way to Shikamaru's beard.

"Sorry for worrying you all." Naruto said in what sounded like regret, that he allowed himself to wallow in his self pity, that he allowed his guilty conscience to eat him alive. That he missed out on the feeling of being full because of his mistake.

Naruto watched as relief, flooded his friends and Shikamaru, he saw his father lighting a cigarette, and he just sighed into Shikamaru's hair.

"You scared us dobe." Sasuke said and Ino nodded.

"Have you eaten? Would you like me and Sakura to cook?" Ino asked and Naruto gave his friends a kind smile.

"If you all don't mind, thank you for waiting for me like Shikamaru." Naruto said and his friend gave him a smile back.

"You can always count on us to be there when you having a rough time." Choji said and Sakura sighed.

"Just don't scare us like this again." Naruto nodded, and they all stood to go cook, Naruto continued running his hand through Shikamaru's now defined beard. It was definitely cute on him.

"You had me worried, I'm glad you are okay." Asuma said and Naruto nodded.

"You should check on Kakashi, you haven't seen him in a month." Asuma nodded and stood kissing the forehead of Naruto before leaving, only leaving Shikamaru and Naruto. Naruto closed his door, allowing Shikamaru to lean back on it, so he could sit in his lap.

Those hands continued to run across Shikamaru's face, it had been a month since they were intimate. Naruto didn't want to jump his bones, be he wanted contact, love and understanding.

"It took you a month, but I know you have a plan." Shikamaru whispered, Naruto nodded and sighed against Shikamaru's neck.

"I made the mistake of not killing him in the forest, thinking that if he couldn't wield a Jutsu, he couldn't possible take Sasuke, however." Naruto started as he tried to explain what him and Kurama talked about in the shower.

"He can use a forbidden Jutsu name Reanimation, where he cast a Genjutsu to kick the soul out of a person, and then take the body over. So me slicing his arms did nothing but give him the chance to use that Jutsu." Shikamaru nodded.

"Kurama said that Ji-San sealed his arms away, but he can reanimation and get new arms, so the only way I can kill him is by slicing all of his body parts or stabbing him in the heart, or..." Shikamaru eyes widened.

"You can't be thinking that? That's the same seal on your body." Shikamaru yelled lowly and Naruto nodded.

"That is the last resort, I'll be doing more training with the fox sword." Shikamaru tightened the hold on Naruto, Naruto for a second thought he was going to die.

"If I have to got through this life alone, I won't make it." Naruto eyes widened when he felt tears on his shoulders.

"I love you too much to allow you to die in battle." Shikamaru said as his tears came out more frequently.

"I will not walk this life alone, you can't leave me here alone Naruto." Naruto places his hand on the back of Shikamaru's head, speaking lowly.

"Shikamaru, I love you too. So much." Naruto whispered, continuing to calm his lover down.

"I wouldn't dare be killed before I can give Asu-sensei and Shikaku grandchildren, put some faith in me." Naruto whispered as he kissed Shikamaru's temple. Shikamaru calmed slightly. He lifted his head and watched as Naruto's face seemed to be at peace, he watched as Naruto wiped the tears from his eyes, with a fond smile.

"I'm sorry that I made you cry." Naruto said as he leaned in to Shikamaru, before his lips reached Shikamaru, he said one more thing.

"I'll train super hard, I'll make sure my moves are even more flawless, precise and pristine. I'll make my parents proud, Shikamaru." Naruto lips met Shikamaru's as they seemed to forget time, and that their friends were downstairs.

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# XVI. Training For The Snake

Naruto stood among a demolished clearing, his red hair flowed in the wind as he held the demonic fox sword, he looked up and realized the sun was rising. He could hear footsteps walking but he didn't move, there was a voice that spoke behind him.

"We have a location, you'll move out with Shikamaru tomorrow." Naruto continued watching as the sun rise, making the sky a beautiful color.

"I'll stop by later to receive the coordinates." Naruto said and the woman nodded, leaving Naruto to his own thoughts that were usually filled with Hizuren death. Naruto let his sword head back to the Shinigami, and he calmed his chakra.

His training in three months improved him so much, he stood as the sun shined brightly in the sky, and he felt Shikamaru's chakra drawing closer to him. He knew that the old man was at peace, that he was fine, however he left Naruto.

The old man was a grandfather to him, he remembered when he was so young that he made the old man and Asuma sleep in the same bed because he didn't want to pick who's bed he wanted to sleep in. Memories liked that made his smile, and made him want to avenge the old man.

"You weren't in bed, come get some sleep, I know you were up all night." Shikamaru said yawning, and Naruto turned around. His red hair a little disheveled because Naruto had been out here since Shikamaru fell asleep, which was like 10pm.

"Yeah." Naruto kimono was a little dirty, Naruto walked to Shikamaru seeing that he was still in his pajamas and house shoes, knowing he was still sleepy seeing as it was only 7am.

"Your chakra seems that something finally clicked with last nights training session." Naruto nodded, ready to take this dirty clothes item off so he could shower, Shikamaru looked down as Naruto exhaled.

"Tsunade found his hideout, we move out tomorrow, but I said I'd see her later on today." Naruto said and Shikamaru nodded. They reached Shikamaru's home. They walked in and Shikaku seemed to be gone. Naruto immediately walked to the bathroom, Shikamaru yawned and headed back to bed.

Naruto came out, wearing Shikamaru's shirt and walking to see him sleeping again. Naruto only seemed to slide in next to him and kiss his cheek, he watched as Shikamaru's face scrunched and Naruto exhaled while inhaling his scent.

He was so thankful for the Nara.

"I'm not tired." Naruto whispered, and Shikamaru opened his eyes, he looked down at Naruto before sitting up and hovering above Naruto.

"I suppose I can indulge." Shikamaru said shrugging his shoulders, Naruto gave a small chuckle as their lips connected. Shikamaru started taking off his pajamas, and the shirt Naruto wore to expose both their bodies. Naruto moaned lowly into the kiss as he felt his body heat a little, he still shivered when Shikamaru touched, lick or bit on a sensitive area.

Shikamaru looked as he finally saw Naruto sleeping, and he looked so peaceful. Finally he saw a look that didn't want him to immediately annihilate the bastard that made Naruto shut him out for month, and the reason Naruto barely slept a wink the last three months, the reason Naruto seemed a little less in tune with his emotions.

He was so ready to have Naruto the way he wanted too, and that was with him snuggled up, after they made love or after a long and tired mission. This is what he wanted, and he had wanted it since they were nine. Would it be a little extreme if he proposed?

Probably.

However he would at least give him a promise ring or something, something to show that he was ready to settle down, so Shikamaru made a clone to find Asuma, looking out the window as he suddenly felt nervous, he turned back to Naruto to settle his nervous and set his resolve.

He was going to ask Asuma for Naruto's hand in marriage.

When he found Asuma, he was in the tower with Tsunade and Jiraiya. Shikamaru stood there and they all looked at him.

"What can we do for you Shikamaru?" Tsunade asked and Shikamaru bowed deeply before speaking.

"Can I please have Naruto's hand in marriage?" Silence filled the room, it was deafening. Tsunade held a small smile, while Jiraiya looked at Asuma. Asuma closed his eyes and smoked, walking towards his Genin. He placed a hand on his shoulder.

"Lift your head Shikamaru." Shikamaru did as he was told and was met with a smile, he relaxed and Asuma spoke.

"I wouldn't want anybody else marrying him, however, you both are sixteen, yes it's legal to marry now, but are you ready?" Shikamaru, clenched his fists before he spoke.

"Naruto may not be the easiest to read, however I spent seven years decoding his looks, his comments, and his body language, his likes and dislikes." Shikamaru started before he continued.

"I want nothing more than to live my life with Naruto, have a few stubborn children that will inherit his beauty, and maybe even his personality disorder, I just want to be able to be by his side, for the rest of our lives." Shikamaru finished before Asuma looked to Shikamaru.

"Then I give you my full blessing." Shikamaru gave a lazy smile, as Asuma sighed. The clone Shikamaru poofed away, and Asuma looked to the Kage.

"I'll be leaving, thanks for keeping me updated." Asuma said as he walked out the office, Tsunade held a fond smile as Jiraiya spoke.

"Namikaze and Nara blood, those children will be smart, a Genius even." Jiraiya said and Tsunade nodded while looking at the village.

"If only Sensei was here to see the union, he loved that child like no other." Tsunade said and Jiraiya nodded.

Shikamaru blinked when the memory of his clone came, as he smiled, seeing how it was mid-day and Naruto was still sleep catching up on all the rest he missed, he cursed knowing he should've gotten the coordinates. He however sighed when he saw the Hokage's slug holding an envelope that looked to be important, she left as Shikamaru opened it to see a direct location to the snakes hideout, he nodded and kissed the forehead of Naruto's, watching as his chakra seemed to restore and muscles seemed to get stronger, and it helped that he sensed that Kurama was in the seal.

Naruto's eyes opened, as he saw the sunset, and he felt so much more relieved, he felt all the fatigue go away, and he was so much better just lying in Shikamaru's arms. He just contently laid in Shikamaru's arms as Shikamaru looked at the setting sun. He could feel Shikamaru run his hand up and down the back of Naruto and laced his other hands in the redhead hair.

Shikamaru was enjoying himself, even when the purring started. He thought he was crazy, he didn't have a cat, however he heard purring, and with was ear pleasing as the purr resembled a cat, completely and utter trust and enjoyment. He looked over and heard it was coming from his wife to be.

"How are you feeling?" Shikamaru asked and Naruto went to open his mouth, but a lovely purr escaped first, Shikamaru's eyes widened as Naruto spoke in between purrs.

"Purrrfect." Naruto said and Shikamaru leaned down to kiss Naruto, loving the way his purr made the kiss rumble a little. Shikamaru pulled away, looking at Naruto.

"You can purr." Naruto nodded, nuzzling into the neck of

Shikamaru.

"I can, it's thanks to Kurama."

**"Whatever, your mate seems to like it."**

"Does it upset you?" Naruto asked worriedly and Shikamaru chuckled a little.

"Of course not, it's beautiful. You want takeout? Tsunade dropped of the coordinates when she realized it was getting late." Naruto nodded.

"Let's eat and move out in the middle of the night, we'll sneak up on him." Shikamaru nodded and went to grab Naruto's favorite, while Naruto looked over the area of the hideout.

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# XVII. Mission Time

"I know you don't want to wake up, but we have a mission. Remember?"  Shikamaru said, and Naruto sat up and nodded.

"Yes I remember, hey Shikamaru." Naruto said watching Shikamaru grabbing their attire. Naruto felt good on chakra, and if he needed too, he could use Kurama's.

"Yes Naruto." Shikamaru said and Naruto stood, brushing his hair while sliding into Shikamaru's arms.

"I promise my life won't end tonight." Naruto said and Shikamaru gave him a smile.

"I'm counting on it, Naruto." Naruto and Shikamaru got dressed, both put on mask and headed out the village. It was dead in the middle night and it was said that Orochimaru's hideout was by the wind country.

They walked in silence not really saying anything, Naruto was trying to calm himself down. He couldn't loose his cool, he needed to keep his composure.

"I'm right here with you, Naruto." Shikamaru said and Naruto leaned into Shikamaru.

"What did I do to deserve somebody as sane as you?" Naruto asked, and Shikamaru gave a sigh.

"I'm not as good as you think I am. I don't want anybody to see and or touch you, that means our friends as well." Naruto gave a smile at the thought of Shikamaru actually doing that.

They came upon a cave, and Naruto unsealed a Kunai, he stood there and tilted his head.

"I don't even know what you master." Shikamaru smiled, and stood behind Naruto.

"Don't worry honey, I'll be with you." Shikamaru squatted, and did some hand sign before unsealing ink and paper.

"Sealing Art; Massive Chakra bondage." Naruto eyes widned but only smiled. Shikamaru pulled a Kunai and walked in after Naruto.

"How did a Nara come across a lot of chakra to cast that seal?" Naruto said as he started slicing the experiment that were let free for this.

Meanwhile he held a smile on his face, and no chakra bubbles at his feet, Naruto was completely in control of his emotions.

"I haven't been completely honest, but I'm only half Nara." Shikamaru said, and looking at him, it made sense.

"You are a mix breed of what other clan?" Shikamaru leaned down and whispered in his ear.

"Hyuga. However instead of their clans Jutsu, I developed my shadows, but I have a lot of chakra to spare." Naruto nodded.

"You shouldn't keep secrets from me." Naruto said as the stood among the dead, walking further into the dark cave.

"Why not?" Shikamaru said as they stepped into a lit room, locking eyes with Orochimaru and his companion.

"Oh, Tsunade sent you again. Think you can get the job done this time?" Orochimaru baited, and Naruto spoke.

"I can't marry a man full of secrets." Naruto said proudly, Shikamaru eyes widened before he nodded.

"I promise I'll tell you more about me when we kill them." Naruto nodded as Shikamaru squatted to draft another seal.

"How long will this take you? Naruto?" Naruto tapped his chin before summoning the sword.

"I'm not as complacent as I was before, but to make it fair to the snake, let's do 15 minutes." Shikamaru chuckled and Orochimaru cackled.

"You really believe you can destroy me? IM IMMORTAL."

"Sealing arts; Destructive Grounds." The seal cast and Shikamaru stood back up, watching as he didn't see and chakra bubbling at Naruto's feet.

"Go ahead Naruto, I'll be fine." Naruto took off while Shikamaru looked to Suigetsu, he unsealed a Kunai and ran after him, careful not to be hit.

"You idiotic redhead! I will kill you." Orochimaru said, and Naruto calmed his breathing.

"Third Form; Fiery Fox Dance." Naruto mumbled, as he swung the sword to decapitate the snake, but the man dodged. Naruto smiled as he grazed the snakes hair.

"Burn." Naruto said as the man's hair suddenly engulfed in flames.

"YOU ADOLESCENT BOY! ILL KILL YOU NAMIKAZE." Naruto only continued to swing his sword, his moves are a lot more powerful, a lot more crisp.

Shikamaru was standing over the body of the panting Ninja. He looked as if this took absolutely no effort and it didn't. He sighed, and just shoved a Kunai through the ninja's heart. No words were needed to be explained. It was a battle to the death, and Shikamaru had happened to be superior.

Shikamaru looked to Naruto to see him standing still, Orochimaru seemed to try and strike him down with the grass sword but red chakra expanded from Naruto and he looked up, his eyes darkened, and he spoke his next moving knowing this would be the one to kill Orochimaru.

"Tenth Form; Fox Burial." Naruto sword was covered in red chakra as he slammed in the ground. "Wind Style, Wind Tornado." Wind engulfed the sword as the red chakra swirled in the middle.

"Inferno Style, Demonic Slashes." Naruto called as the ground shook, as he moved to Orochimaru. The Sannin was caught off guard which was all Naruto needed, he slashed his sword down, cutting off Orochimaru left arm.

"Seal." Naruto repeated as he kept slicing body parts, blood splattered as he did the final strike to the heart.

"Rot in hell you devious bastard." Naruto said as the sword went right back to hell where it resides, Shikamaru walked up to Naruto and gave him a hug. Naruto lost himself into the hug before the cave started rumbling, Shikamaru remembered the seal and since he had a more chakra at the moment, he carried Naruto to safety.

He ran out the cave with Naruto in his arms, and just in the nick of time too, the cave completely fell in, and Naruto only sighed. It's not that he didn't trust Shikamaru, it's just he really didn't want to see the old man so soon.

"Your training really did come in handy." Shikamaru put Naruto down, and they saw the sun rise. They stopped to admire the sun rise. Naruto only leaned into Shikamaru as Naruto felt at peace, that a weight has finally left his shoulders.

"Yeah, I'm content." Naruto said finally, and Shikamaru only walked as the sun finally perched itself in the sky, the duo walked home while Shikamaru spoke about himself.

"Father, he cheated on mother with a Hyuga. He was drunk and while I forgave him, mother never did. I was blessed with the Nara's Genes and just the huge reserves of the Hyuga's." Naruto nodded and spoke.

"Do you wish to be Neji and Hinata's family?" Shikamaru shrugged.

"I really don't need a them. I have you, and whenever we decide to have children." Naruto gave a small smile.

"What if our children inherit my attitude." Naruto said and Shikamaru smiled.

"I'd be worried if they didn't. I will love them, and you regardless of

the attitude problem, but you fought the snake without any chakra pulling at your feet." Naruto nodded.

"For once, I didn't feel mad, angry or annoyed. I was calm, my head was calm, and Kurama wasn't putting up much of a fuss." Naruto said before Kurama spoke.

**"Your mate changed you, your emotions are easier to keep under wraps because Shikamaru cares for you."**

"You kept me sane." Naruto said once Kurama has said that, and Shikamaru was hoping that was the case, so he thought now was as anytime as ever to pop the question.

Him and Naruto walked into a clearing, that was surrounded by many leaves falling from the trees, Shikamaru stopped them in the middle of the clearing, before he pulled a box from his pocket, he watched Naruto's eyes widen and Shikamaru spoke.

"I know we are only sixteen, and I know we are still a little young, but I want you to know that I love you, and I want to spend the rest of my life with you, if you want to spend the rest of your life with me." Naruto looked as Shikamaru slowly opened the box.

**"Answer him, is he who you want forever?"** Naruto looked down at the ring, before tears looked at his eyes.

*"Of course this is who I want to be with forever."* Naruto mentally said before looking up at Shikamaru.

"Yes, I'll marry you." Naruto said softly, but it made Shikamaru smile hard, as he wiped the tears from Naruto's eyes, he placed the engagement ring on Naruto's finger before he gave his bride to be a kiss.

They pulled away and Shikamaru kissed his forehead. They continued to talk as they made their way home, Naruto's hand feeling a lot more heavy due to the ring.

# XVIII. Carrying the Children

"Do I really need to allow all these people in my house?" Naruto asked Shikamaru, watching as Shikamaru got dressed, Shikamaru was wearing a very dressy button up shirt, and slacks, his hair was in a perfect ponytail. Naruto didn't wear anything, not wanting to even indulge in his friends and families behavior.

"We did just get married, as well as found out that you are carrying my child or children. Don't you think everybody should know?" Naruto looked at his husband, they had only been married for about seven months before finding out Naruto was a three months along.

However with his little bump, all he really wanted to do was help Tsunade with paperwork, and be her advisor. He really didn't care for anything else right now. Well he cared about Shikamaru, and the little joy being developed in his stomach, one that Kurama seemed to take a liking to.

"I actually don't." Naruto said as Shikamaru gave him a kind smile, he pulled a outfit from their shared dresser for Naruto to wear, while Naruto had his hand rubbing over his belly.

"I honestly can't even believe I let you knock me up." Naruto said with a frown, but Shikamaru only chuckled.

"Just think of our child with the same emotionless face that you portray." Shikamaru said placing his hand on Naruto's cheek, Naruto huffed with a blush.

"If this child doesn't have my personality, I'm divorcing you." Shikamaru started chuckling madly, Naruto only huffed. Shikamaru dried the tears that were falling from his eyes before he placed Naruto in a dressy kimono, before brushing the beautiful red hair and placing it in a ponytail.

"You can't divorce me, Naruto." Shikamaru said and Naruto folded his arms, watching as Shikamaru only placed his hands on Naruto's cheek and neck.

"Why the hell cant I?" Naruto said and Shikamaru smiled, gaining the redheads attention.

"Because, you love me. You've said so, it's set in stone, we have matching rings to prove it." Naruto cheeks darkened, and Shikamaru kissed his cheek, before planting a firm and pleasurable kiss to Naruto's lips, and it was there for all of three seconds before the doorbell rung.

"This is exactly why I don't want to announce anything." Naruto said as Shikamaru pulled away, Naruto put socks on because his feet was cold as him and Shikamaru walked down to open the door.

He should've known the first people at his door was Ino, and her boyfriend Sai. She smiled as she brought pie.

"I'm so excited, you are finally having a party!" She said in amusement, Naruto exhaled.

"Yeah, Shikamaru wanted it." Naruto said and Sai bowed.

"Thanks for having us, I'll put the pie in the kitchen." Shikamaru hummed.

"I'll show you where it is." Shikamaru and Sai left having a conversation, Naruto was getting ready to close the door, but Sakura called out.

"Naruto, how uncharacteristic of you to throw a party." Naruto sighed as Ino spoke.

"Shikamaru's idea, please tell me you have wine?" Sakura held up the wine, as Ino dragged her to the kitchen. Sasuke walked in, not far behind Sakura.

"You look upset." Sasuke said and Naruto huffed.

"Shikamaru the ever lazy bastard decided he wanted to have a

party, and now all you assholes are in my home!" Naruto said and Sasuke nodded.

"I hope you know these assholes love you." Sasuke said and Naruto sighed.

"Of course I know that, and on contrary to my voice I love these assholes back, but I love you all in moderation." Naruto replied and Sasuke chuckled.

"You just wanted to relax with Shikamaru, I understand. I'm also mad at Shikamaru." Naruto folded his arms while looking at Sasuke.

"Why are you mad at my husband?" Naruto grew defensive and Sasuke wanted to smile.

"He's the reason my wife is going to be drunk and I'm going to have to carry her home." Naruto chuckled against his better judgement before ushering Sasuke in to close the door, but then Choji and his girlfriend decided to come in.

"Hello Choji, Shikamaru made me make your favorite, it's in the kitchen if you would like some. Hello Karui." Naruto said, he couldn't get a feel of her Aura, so he never engaged in conversation as she followed Choji like a puppy.

"Naruto." Naruto looked up and saw Kiba and Shino. Naruto gave Shino a small smile and a wave to Kiba, Kiba patted Naruto on the shoulder and left to speak to everybody else.

The house was getting a lot more noisy now, as Naruto and Shino spoke to one another. They haven't spoke to one another in a few weeks, they were missing the other. They were ultimately best friends.

"I proposed yesterday." Shino said and Naruto hummed. He looked down at Shino's hand to see a engagement band before looking back in those goggles.

"Congratulations, can Kiba give you a child?" Naruto asked, knowing that some Inuzuka's were known for being able to birth children. While it was extremely rare, it happened, like every five

generations or so.

"He actually can, I was shocked." Shino said and Naruto smiled, however Shino spoke.

"Now I've known you for a long time, Naruto. Please tell me this party is for what I think it is?" Naruto chuckled, because Shino knew him, and he knew Shino. Of course he would know the reason the two lazy genius were really throwing a party, to have everybody under the same roof.

"You are absolutely right, Shino." Naruto said and Shino hummed, looking as Kiba called his name.

"I won't say a word, we'll talk later." Naruto went to close the door but heard the drunken bat.

"Oi Gaki." Naruto's eyes twitched as he smelled the sake on her breath.

"Don't come into my home, you old fucking drunken bat." Naruto said with a frown, and Jiraiya sighed.

"She'll be out in about twenty minutes, I assure you." Jiraiya said dragging the woman along. Naruto sighed, and placed his hand on his belly, all this isn't good for his baby, or babies. Kurama was working on telling him how many children he was having.

"You look as if you are about to throw up, did you drink?" That voice came in, and Naruto felt alright with the world. He leaned into the chest with his eyes closed, the now seventeen year old only allowed the hands of his father to rub his back.

"Cheer up Naruto, this is just a whim of the man you chose to marry." Kakashi said patting his shoulder and walking into the house.

"I would like to divorce him now." Naruto said and Gaara chuckled.

"You can't divorce him." Naruto opened his eyes to see the final people finally come. Temari, Kankuro, Hinata, Tenten and Neji. Shikaku was on a mission, but was already aware being the first

person to find out. Naruto's home was getting progressively louder by the second as they all said hello and walked passed Naruto.

"I can and I will! You can't tell me how to live my life." Naruto said and Asuma chuckled, lighting a cigarette.

"Come that's everybody, you can sit awkwardly on the couch as we all party." Naruto groaned and walked to find Shikamaru. He was talking to Choji, and Naruto just walked in his arms and immediately snuggled into his side.

The party continued, and by the time Naruto was ready to say what he needed to say so he could sleep, it was about 3am at this time.

"Before you all leave, we have something we would like to tell everybody." Shikamaru said, yawning because he was sleepy too, they all looked at the duo, Tsunade was sober and drinking more wine at this point.

"I'm three months pregnant." Naruto said, and it was silent, and Shikamaru knew how this was exactly going to happen. First the banshees would scream.

"CONGRATULATIONS." Ino and Sakura, and Temari said in unison. Second the alpha males would congratulate them.

"Congrats you two." Sasuke, Neji and Kankuro spoke. Then those who didn't know them very well would do the same.

"I'm happy for you both." Karui, Hinata, Tenten, and Kiba said in unison. Then their best friends would come up to them.

"You look so happy." Choji said to Shikamaru while Shino and Gaara walked to Naruto.

"How does it feel to carry his lazy child?" Gaara asked, and Naruto hummed.

"It's not bad, but I want to strangle him for even knocking me up." Naruto said and then Asuma and Kakashi spoke.

"How many children?" Everybody looked to Naruto including

Shikamaru before Kurama spoke inside Naruto.

**"Triplets."** Naruto placed his hand on his forehead, blue chakra swirling at his feet and everybody but Shikamaru took a step back, he was smiling.

"Ah, go ahead Naruto. You can yell at me." Shikamaru said and that's all it took for Naruto.

"I WANT A DIVORCE! HOW DARE YOU KNOCK ME UP WITH THREE CHILDREN! YOU LAZY ASSHOLE. APOLOGIZE AND TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS!" Naruto said and Shikamaru smiled.

"Hai Hai. You are riling up our children." Naruto stopped his yelling before he turned to his family and friends.

"Thanks for coming, feel free to buy whatever you want for the babies, I'm heading to sleep." Naruto said and he headed upstairs. As the party dispersed, Shikamaru held a faint smile.

*Three children? Can I survive?*

# XIX. The End

"Three children." Naruto started as he placed a hand on his belly.

"THREE FUCKING CHILDREN." Naruto screamed as he felt a jolt of pain.

"Shikaku, I'll kill your son dead if he's not here before my first child comes out." Naruto panted quietly, Shikaku and Asuma stood in the hospital room as Naruto water broke that same morning.

Shikamaru was supposed to be home yesterday, but he's late. Naruto's children decided that since their father is a lying lazy bastard they wanted to come out early. Shikaku patted Naruto's head.

"Please calm down Naruto. Think of your children." Naruto only scoffed.

"You mean his children, they are just like him. There's one child, that is calm and it most likely would be the youngest because of the other two dominance!" Naruto spoke and Asuma chuckled.

"You and Kurama have been getting pretty close since the children started developing huh?"  Asuma said and Naruto sighed feeling his children calm slightly.

"Kurama named the kits, however I'm not sure I'm liking the names." Naruto said rubbing his belly before Kurama snorted.

**"I believe those are quality names."**

*"For a Kitsune, my children will mostly be human, more human than me."*

**"Give them a little history."**

Naruto eyes shot to the door, and there stood Shikamaru panting slightly. He dropped all of his Shinobi supplies and walked over to Naruto.

"Have you been waiting long?"

"An eternity, these kids know that you are a lying bastards, you was supposed to be home last night, and now they want to come a month early!" Naruto said and Shikamaru only laughed before sitting behind Naruto. Placing his hands on Naruto's belly, rubbing it a little, watching as Naruto visible calmed.

"Sorry I'm late children. I didn't think you would come so early because I'm a lying bastard." Shikaku just watched as Naruto calmed down with his son behind him.

"Tch, puddy in your fathers hands. That's how I know you are his children." Naruto said leaning back into Shikamaru. His children were calm, and he didn't seem to be dilating anymore.

"How was the mission?" Asuma asked sitting on the bed, Shikamaru exhaled wanting to sleep.

"Ino caused the mission to stall. Her loud voice did not disappear because we are a little older now. She almost caused the mission to fail. She's being scolded by the Hokage now." Naruto breathing leveled out and everybody realized he was sleep.

"Do people normally sleep while in labor?" Shikamaru asked and the older men shrugged. The nurse came back in and she sighed.

She checked and saw that he was displaying no more than four centimeters, he stopped contracting, which isn't good for Naruto or the babies. She called for the doctor and looked at Shikamaru.

"You have to gown up honey." She told Shikamaru and Shikamaru looked confused.

"He's sleeping, which is bad. He basically stopped his labor to sleep, and so we have to cut the babies out. You are the father, so you can come." Shikamaru nodded and gowned up, he followed Naruto and the nurses to the operating room. He was nervous, he was about to

become a father.

He watched as Naruto still slept contently. He looked as the doctor cut Naruto open, to see the blood pouring from Naruto made him a little sick. However not long after that thought he heard a cry. His eyes widened, and he looked overjoyed.

"Come here father and cut the first cord." Shikamaru did as he was told and cut the cord. The nurses went to clean up that baby.

"It's a boy." Shikamaru smiled when the second child came out crying too. Shikamaru cut that cord, and the nurse once again said it was a boy.

The third child came, and there was no crying. Their eyes were open and even when the nurse checked over the baby, nothing was wrong.

"It's a girl. Congratulations." The doctor cleaned and stitched Naruto back up as Shikamaru went to look at his children.

The first boy was Shikamaru to a Tee. Wisp of raven hair could be seen, and when he opened his eyes they were raven as well, tanned skin and one whisker marks on each cheek.

The second boy was a mix of Shikamaru and Naruto. Wisp of raven hair and blue eyes, pale skin much like his father, and one whisker mark on each cheek.

The only girl was Naruto to a Tee. Wisp of red hair, and those stunning blue eyes. Pale skin and whisker marks.

They pushed the children up to the nursery while Shikamaru sat with Naruto and waited for him to wake up, when Naruto was woken up he was refreshed, he looked and saw Shikamaru sitting at the end of his bed.

"Genders?" Naruto asked yawning as if he didn't get enough sleep.

"Two boys and a girl. The girl being the youngest. Would you like to see them?" Naruto nodded as the nurse wheeled the children in the room.

"Yasu, because he looks like Shikamaru." Naruto said and Shikaku hummed.

"Yasu meaning peaceful." Shikaku said and Naruto nodded.

"He'll be able to calm his sister down." Naruto continued.

"Our love child is Youta." Naruto said pointing to the middle child.

"Meaning bright, or sunlight." Asuma said Naruto nodded.

"He looks like me and Shikamaru, and when I'm with Shikamaru I feel bright, happy." Naruto said while Shikamaru leaned into Naruto.

"What about our daughter." Naruto smiled.

"I look at her, and the first thing that came to mind was the name Kurama said." Kurama chuckled

**"One out of three isn't bad I suppose."**

"What's her name?" The males asked while Naruto gave a small smile.

"Saeko, meaning serene child. Although she'll be like me, she won't be as angry as I was, chakra won't bellow at her feet, she'll be calm." Naruto said and everybody nodded liking the names.

"Beautiful names Naruto." Shikaku said and Naruto smiled.

"Thank you." Naruto smiled leaning into Shikamaru.

He was beyond happy.

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**The End *.***